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JAPANESE DRIVEN BACK ALONG ENTIRE NORTHERN KWANGTUNG FRONT: SMASHING CHINESE ATTACK

Severe 48-Hour Battle On New Year's Day

CHUNGKING, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Chinese forces in Northern Kwangtung counter-attacked on New Year's Day and after forty-eight hours of heavy fighting drove the Japanese back along the entire front, declared the Chinese military spokesman at a Press Conference.

Reviewing the battle, the spokesman stated that the Japanese pushed northward from Canton in three columns in the latter part of December—the centre striking from Tsunghua, the right wing from Lungmen and the left wing along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Two wings, particularly the right, made rapid progress in their advance. As the left column reached Yingteh on the railway, the right column went beyond Meikeng and reached Gongyuan and "San-hua."

The Chinese Command, the spokesman continued, decided on tactics to hold the Japanese at the centre, while the Chinese forces east and west of the railway attacked the Japanese wings.

ATTACK LAUNCHED
The Japanese centre was halted by Chinese in the hills in the vicinity of Liangkou and Lupetzi, whereupon the Chinese forces launched an attack on the Japanese right wing at Congruan on New Year's Day from two directions.

A Chinese column from Shaokwan, the spokesman said, attacked the Japanese from the north-west, while another Chinese column from South Kiangsi attacked from the north-east.

Concern Over U.S.-Japanese Relations

CHUNGKING, Jan. 5 (Central)—To acquaint the American people and government with China's point of view concerning the American supply of war materials to Japan in the present Sino-Japanese war, Dr. Chang Po-lin, deputy chairman of the People's Political Council, will make a broadcast speech to America in the near future.

While realising that renewal of the American-Japanese Commercial Treaty would be a matter of American domestic policy, members of the Council are anxious that China's viewpoints be set out to the American people, as on the question of American-Japanese commerce hangs to a large extent the future of the Chinese war of resistance, Far East stability, as well as world peace.

LARGEST SUPPLIERS
It is pointed out that throughout the two-and-a-half years' war between China and Japan, the United States have been the largest suppliers of Japan's armament requirements.

In 1937, Japan's imports of American war materials constituted 54 per cent of her total. This percentage was raised to 59 per cent in 1938 and, according to statistics of the National City Bank of New York, was again raised to no less than 71 per cent in the first eight months of 1939. Since the outbreak of the European war in September, practically the whole of Japan's imports of war materials for her aggression in China have been American.

The Council believes that fully cognisant of the above state of affairs, the United States Government would hardly consent to renew the abrogated treaty or to enter into similar arrangements with Japan.

NO CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
LONDON, Jan. 5 (Havas)—The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury stated that the British diplomats' view is that M. Stalin is opposed to any military alliance with Germany.

Furthermore, he is determined to maintain the present trend of Soviet policy irrespective of the Finnish campaign.

The paper added that under the German-Russian Pact, Germany is merely exerting moral pressure against Finland which she is trying to isolate.

"However, Germany undertook to take naval action if any attempt were made to land official bodies of foreign troops at Scandinavian ports."

Strength Of British Government Securities

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The strength of British Government securities, which have now mostly attained the highest levels since the outbreak of the war, is being followed with considerable interest in city circles.

Some quarters are again citing the strength of gilt-edged securities as indicative of the early issue of a national defence loan but a canvass of leading banking and stock exchange opinion reveals that such a view is held by the minority.

It is pointed out that there are at present a number of factors contributing to the strength of the market.

Firstly, the closure of the new capital market since the outbreak of war has deprived the investor of alternative channels of investment hence there is no incentive to sell; secondly, the weight of money in the hands of institutions.

It is further pointed out that there is little sign of official support which would foreshadow the appearance of a new loan.

The opinion is expressed, however, that the authorities might issue a short-term loan to the banks to enable the latter to fund Treasury bills and provide finance required up to March 31.

In this connection it is believed that £300,000,000 could easily be absorbed as the banks are over-supplied with cash and bills.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
BRUSSELS, Jan. 5 (Havas)—M. Pierlot has handed in the collective resignation of the Cabinet. King Leopold has entrusted M. Pierlot to form a new Government.

Japan Cabinet Seeks "Way Out" That Does Not Exist

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Government activities in the next few days will be concentrated on negotiations for the disposal of the hostilities in China.

This morning, a joint conference China and Wang Ching-wei, between representatives of the War Office and the General Staff is being held at the residence of the Japanese War Minister, General Shimunaka, forecast that the China Affairs Board and the Cabinet will meet. They will discuss the basic points of the understanding reached between the Japanese leaders in reach a final decision.



DR. PAPANIN

Drifting For Two Years

AID FOR SOVIET EXPEDITION SHIP

BERLIN, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Only 20 sea miles now separate the Soviet expedition ship Sedov from the ice-breaker Josef Stalin, according to a Moscow telegram to the official German News Agency.

The ice-breaker will assist the Sedov's skeleton crew of 15 men to release their ship from the ice-pack zone in north-west Spitzbergen in which she has been drifting for two years.

SLOW PROGRESS

Resistance from the ice is so great that the Josef Stalin is progressing very slowly and it is expected that it will be several days before the ships meet.

Dr. Papanin, who was the leader of the four scientists who spent a year drifting southward from the North Pole to Greenland on an ice-ice, is in charge of all arrangements for the release of the Sedov.

DE VALERA VIRTUAL DICTATOR

DUBLIN, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Mr. Eamon de Valera is now in possession of powers making him virtually a dictator. The President, Dr. Hyde, today signed the Emergency Powers Amendment Bill giving Government the right to intern citizens suspected of activities against the State without bringing them before a court of law.

It is expected that there would be an immediate and widespread search for leaders of the illegal organisations which have been causing trouble in Eire and elsewhere.

The Senate is now considering the Offences Against the State Amendment Bill which was carried through its final stages in the Dail last night. This measure puts into permanent form the object aimed at in the Emergency Powers Bill.

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PEACE ENVISAGED BY ROOSEVELT CORRESPONDS WITH ALLIES' AIMS: BRITISH PRESS ON CONGRESS MESSAGE

LONDON, Jan. 5 (British Wireless)—Further editorial comment on President Roosevelt's Congress message appears today in the British press.

The Times speaking on that part of the message which dealt with the President's vision of future peace says, "It will be seen how closely the kind of peace Mr. Roosevelt envisages corresponds with the peace aims of the Allies as they have been defined by Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, M. Daladier and M. Reynaud."

"It is something totally different from the kind of peace which the Allies are sometimes urged to patch up for more weakened neutrals. He has, it is clear, no intention of lifting a finger to help conclude an uneasy truce which would merely give the aggressor countries breathing space in which to prepare for the next assault upon the liberties of Europe and the independence of weaker neighbours."

"His vision of a better world in which nations can trade freely with one another in peace and security and co-operate with one another for the well being of their peoples is shared by all responsible statesmen in Great Britain and France as is evident from their repeated declarations."

The Daily Telegraph seeks to apply the President's reasoning regarding the position of the Americas to Europe and says, "He pointed out that 21 American republics declared the common will to preserve peace and freedom in their hemisphere and added that what was being done in the Americas might be done in other continents."

COMMON FRONT

"It is impossible for the small nations in Europe to come together as the American republics have done and form a common front for the mutual protection of their independence and preservation of the peace! The familiar fable of the taggots which, bound together were unbreakable but apart snapped under any strain, illustrates Mr. Roosevelt's argument. The present plight of Finland enforces it. To acquiesce tamely in that outrage is to invite repetition elsewhere. It is the road, not to safety, but subjugation."

Budget Deficit Of Over \$2,000 Million In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The U.S. Budget Estimates are: Expenditure \$8,424,000,000; Receipts \$6,248,000,000 and an estimated deficit of \$2,176,000,000, compared with \$3,933,000,000 in the last budget.

The President makes recommendations for new taxation amounting to \$460,000,000, reducing the deficit to \$1,716,000,000.

The President explained that, with certain emergency works and other extras, the grand total will be \$1,224,000,000.

Much of the increase will be devoted to warship construction.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Besides continuing work on 120 (actual) ships, the President asked for funds to construct two battleships, one each of aircraft-carriers and minesweepers, two cruisers, eight destroyers, six submarines, one submarine tender and three seaplane tenders.

The battleships will be the 9th and 10th constructed in five years. The size is not specified, but the Navy is preparing a craft of 65,000 tons.

The budget provides 145,000 men for the Navy and 25,000 for the Marines.

ARMY BUDGET

The Army Budget recommends an expenditure of \$1,007,000,000 for the Congress the regular Navy Budget Army's air and land forces, being of \$804,500,000, an increase over \$46,000,000 increase on the current last year of \$183,000,000.

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ASSAULT ON GIRL ALLEGED

RUSSIAN WOMAN IN STREET DRAMA

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
An alleged assault by a Russian woman on an eleven-year-old Portuguese girl in Fort Road, north Point, on Thursday morning will probably have a sequel in the Police Court shortly, as it is reliably learned that the relatives of the aggrieved party will be swearing out a summons for assault against the Russian woman.

The girl in question is little Miss Nafaulda Andrade. She was playing with the Russian woman's nine year old daughter outside the latter's house when, it is alleged, an altercation arose between the two children.

TOOK OFF BELT

Incensed by the noise made by the two children, and by the attitude of the Portuguese child towards her own, the Russian woman, it is further alleged, took off the belt she was wearing and hit the Portuguese with it, inflicting a nasty gash on the girl's head, which might have been caused by the buckle.

The child was immediately rushed to Dr. V. Attienza's clinic where she was treated. A report was later made to the Police and it is understood that Mrs. R. Manalee, the child's aunt and guardian, will be taking out a summons against the Russian woman for assault.

SHIPPING CASE APPEAL

The appeal against the decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, granting the petition of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company for the winding up of the Hongkong branch of the Ching Kee Navigation Co., was dismissed by the Full Court of appeal, composed of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell (president) and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, yesterday morning.

The full text of the judgments are published as a supplement with this issue.

JAPANESE SOUR GRAPES: "NEVER WANTED SHINKWAN"

CANTON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—"The Aim of the recent Japanese operations northward of Canton—To destroy the organisation and headquarters of the Chinese forces under Gen. Yu Han-mou—were successfully concluded," declared Major Nishihara, former Japanese Army spokesman in Shanghai to Reuter to-day.

He added that the Japanese Army had no intention of occupying Shinkwan or any other towns in Kwangtung at present.

Referring to the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shumchun, Major Nishihara said it was a friendly gesture to Britain. There was now no cause for suspicion of Japan's aims on the British border, he commented.

1st Day's Programme For Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting 1940

Record entries and attractive dividends and sweepstake prizes are expected at the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley next month, which opens the season for the new year. The programme comprises five days' racing—Saturday, Feb. 17, Monday, Feb. 19, Tuesday, Feb. 20, Wednesday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 24, starting on the first four days at 12 noon, with intervals at 1.30 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on the last day. Entries for the meet will close at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13. The following is the programme for the first day:

FIRST DAY

Saturday, February, 17, 1940
1—12 noon.—Challenge Cup.—Value One Hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$750 and 70 per cent. Second \$300 and 20 per cent. Third \$200 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance. Fees until the Cup is finally won, when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance. Entrance \$10. One and Three Quarter Miles.
2—12.30 p.m.—Bendigo Handicap.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "A" Class as at December 31, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.
3—1 p.m.—Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$1,250. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies. Bona

fide Griffins of, this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.
4—1.30 p.m.—Sydney Maiden Stakes.—(First Section).—Winner \$1,250. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.
Note:—One Entry only will be made for Races 4, 8 and 10. Entries will be divided into First, Second and Third Sections by a draw.

TIFFIN INTERVAL

5—3 p.m.—Curragh Handicap.—(First Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies classified "C" Class as at December 31, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).
Note:—One Entry only will be made for the Curragh Handicap (Races Nos. 5 and 9). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.
6—3.30 p.m.—Coral Handicap.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "A" Class as at December 31, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.
7—4 p.m.—Trial Plate.—Winner \$1,250. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies. Bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.
8—4.30 p.m.—Sydney Maiden stakes.—(Second Section).
(See Race No. 4)
9—5 p.m.—Curragh Handicap.—(Second Section).
(See Race No. 5)
10—5.30 p.m.—Sydney Maiden Stakes.—(Third Section).
(See Race No. 4)
(The programme for the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth days will be published in the course of next week).

Triangular Rugby

NAVY TO MEET ARMY TODAY

The final game in this season's Triangular Rugby Tournament will be played today on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay, when the Navy will meet the Army at 4 p.m. This match will decide the wooden-spoonists, as the Club have already won the tournament with three wins and one loss, whilst the Army and Navy have both got one win to their credit against two losses.

NAVY TEAM

The following is the probable Navy team:
Cpl. Waddington; Tel. Bowden; Tel. Paul; Pay Lieutenant Stevens; Sub Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter; Lieutenant Commander Clark; Leading Writer Barlow; Lieutenant (E). Brown; L. S. A. Palmer; Chief Writer King; Leading Writer Ferris; Fl. Lieut. Taylor; Pay Lieutenant Charles; L. A. C. Gale.

ARMY TEAM

The following will play for the Army:
L/Cpl. Picton, R.E.; L/Bdr. Richards, R.A.; L/Cpl. Waite, R.E.; Sergt. Lang, R.A.O.C.; Lieut. Skipwith, R.A.; Capt. Hook, R.A.; Lt. May, D.L.I.; Lieut. Hewitt, Mdx. R.; L/Cpl. Beddow, D.L.I.; Corp. Sutherland, R.S.; Pte. Berry, Mdx. R.; Lieut. Pinkerton, R.S.; Capt. Duke, R.S.; Lieut. Cuthbertson, R.S.; Lieut. Ridsdale, R.N. Regt.
Reserves:—Saprr. Artingstall, R.E.; L/Cpl. Boe, R.S.; Sergt. Page, R.A.; L/Bdr. Evans, R.A.
Players are requested to be on the ground by 3.45 p.m.

FRIENDLY GAME

Prior to the Tournament game, the Club 1st XV will play the Police at 2.45 p.m.:
The Club side will be:
F. M. Thompson, D. I. Bosanquet, J. C. Charter, G. G. Aitkenhead, D. H. Stewart, F. Cessford, J. E. Henderson, A. F. Walkden (Captain), R. G. Castleton, F. Burford, P. F. Wanklyn, E. A. Bompas, A. J. G. Taylor, A. M. Kennedy and B. O'M. Deane.

K.C.C. TENNIS: ARMY V. CIVILIAN MEMBERS

The following have been selected to play tennis for the Army Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Civilian Members on Sunday:—Capt. A. H. Martin, Lt. E. C. Pope, Lt. E. C. Richards, Sgt. Major M. C. Green, Sgt. Major Taylor, Sgt. Major W. Lock, Q. M. S. Wellwood and C.S.M. Chalice. Play will commence at 2.30 p.m. on the Club's new hard courts. As already reported, the civilian members will be represented by Messrs. A. Bone, G. W. Giffen, Davey, Hyatt, Joyce, Kloss, Nobbs, Sinton, Smyth and Willocks.

LEAGUE SOCCER ATTRACTION TOMORROW

SOUTH CHINA 'A' V. EASTERN BY 'PILAT'

The tit-bit of this week's League soccer programme is tomorrow's game between Eastern and South China "A" on the Club ground. In the first round match earlier in the season, the champions won by 2-1 in a very close game. I understand that Lau Tau-man has returned from Shanghai and will be turning out for this game. He Pak-wah, who has been playing with great success in Lau's place, may be out of the game for the rest of the season as the result of the injury sustained in the match against St. Joseph's.

The champions have the rest of the eleven intact and, with Fung back in the attack led by Lee Wai-long and backed up by the fine defence of Leung Wing-chiu and Co., should again repeat their previous success. Although Hau Ching-to will be back on the left-wing, his long absence has had some effect on his play as could be seen from his display in the New Year's Day charity game in which he was not as energetic as usual.

Eastern may have to call on the services of one or two junior players as, it is learned, two members of the Senior eleven have been called up for duty outside the Colony.

CLUB V. SCOTS

The Club and the Royal Scots who drew last week in their Senior Shield encounter will again vie for the honour of entering the second round this afternoon on the Club ground and a close fight should be seen.

The Valley side have always been well-known as great shield fighters and on their present improved form they will start slight favourites.

In spite of the fact that Kowloon lost to South China "B" last week in the Shield, the mainlanders, providing they can field their strongest eleven, should avenge their Shield defeat this afternoon.

In the other league game this afternoon St. Joseph's will meet the Navy at Caroline Hill. Anything may happen in this match but I fancy the chances of the Senior Service whose form is slightly more consistent.



Punters at the Fanling races

H.K. FOOTBALL REFEREES ASSN. MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees Association will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, at 8 p.m. at the offices of the Hongkong Football Association, Bank of Canton Building, 4th Floor, Room No. 55.

AGENDA

To read minutes of the last meeting; 2. To announce the Referees' team and the date of the Annual "Referees versus Press" match; 3. To report the result of the Annual Dinner; 4. To report the progress made in connection with the erection of club house; 5. To read correspondence re appointment of Referees; 6. To read correspondence re increasing membership; 7. To appoint an Entertainment Committee; 8. Any other business. Laws of the game will be discussed at this meeting. Members are, therefore, requested to send or hand in, in writing, problems for discussion.

NOMADS - VARSITY HOCKEY MATCH

The following is the Nomads Hockey Club team to meet the University in their Association Tournament fixture at Pokfulam tomorrow, bully-off 10.30 a.m.

F. Soares; H. Soares, R. Xavier; A. Xavier, R. J. Reed, L. Souza; R. M. da Silva, J. H. Franco, S. A. Reed, P. Rull, B. Xavier.

F.A. REFUSAL SURPRISE

The refusal of the Hongkong Football Association to reinstate Lee Tak-kee and Lo Wai-kuen, both Eastern players, to the Second Division League comes as a surprise.

Both these players have figured very prominently in First Division League football and it was expected that their application for reinstatement to the Second Division would be allowed.

Outdoor Demonstration Of Progressive Exercises At Caroline Hill Tomorrow

An Outdoor Demonstration of Progressive Exercises by the Women's League of Health is being given at the South China Athletic Association Stadium, Caroline Hill, to-morrow morning, when a big attendance is anticipated.

It is hoped the public will give generous support to the League's venture, proceeds from which will be donated in aid of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives. The Women's League of Health in Hongkong, which is affiliated to the League at Home, has now some 200 members, of whom some 50 will participate in to-morrow's demonstration.

St. Paul's Girls' College, who are the first and only school in the Colony to have joined the League so far, will also be represented in the programme, a feature of which also will be a rendering of the "League Marching Song" by the popular local artists, Miss Elvie Yuen.

Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, wife of the Director of Medical Services, will speak as will also Miss Mavis Ming, leader of the League in Hongkong. The Demonstration will be held in the afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock.

A NEW IDEA

"Movement is Life" is the motto of the League, and the Demonstration to-morrow will endeavour to put before the women of Hongkong a new idea of health that does not call for much more from them than a few simple exercises at the beginning and more progressive exercise when they would be ready for it.

A sequence of exercises from the more simple to the more advanced ones will be demonstrated to show what an ordinary woman can do every day to improve her health.

The Women's League of Health, first organised in England in 1930, was started in Hongkong in November, 1935, by Miss Kathleen Glover. The League is today under the leadership of Miss Mavis Ming, who took over in March, 1939, and is in charge of the Demonstration to-morrow.

WEEKLY MEETING

Weekly meetings are held at the

SPORTING FIXTURES

—55—

TODAY

CRICKET.—First division friendly, Civil Service v. Recreation; L. R. C. v. Club. Second division League, Recreation v. Civil Service; K.C.C. v. L.R.C.; Club v. Army; R.A.F. v. Police (Valley).

FOOTBALL.—Senior Shield Replay, Club v. Royal Scots (Club) 4 p.m.; First Division, Kowloon v. South China B (Kowloon); St. Joseph's v. Navy (Caroline Hill) 4 p.m.; Second Division A, Kit Chee v. Club (Caroline Hill); R.A.O.C. v. 5th A.A. (Sookun-poo); 20th R.A. v. 8th R.A. (Stanley); Eastern v. South China (Club) 3.30 p.m.; Second division B, Kwong Wah v. University (Kowloon); Engineers v. Kowloon (Happy Valley); Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street) 2.30 p.m.; Signals v. R.A.F. (Happy Valley) 4 p.m.; Third division, Royal Scots v. 5th A.A. (St. Joseph's) 2.30 p.m.; R.A.S.C. v. Electric (Stanley) 4 p.m.

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MORE PAY Disgorge Her Ill-Gotten Gains

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—The automatic raising of wages to meet the rise in the cost of living would involve a grave danger of inflation, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told a deputation representing the Civil Service yesterday.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION
The deputation drew attention to the number of wage and salary increases by industrial concerns to meet the increased cost of living and urged the establishment of a committee to elaborate a scheme of compensation for the Civil Service.

The Chancellor re-affirmed the Government's policy for reviewing the Civil Service pay in the light of substantial changes in the level of remuneration elsewhere, but referred to the enormous financial strain in consequence of the war and to the grave danger of inflation if wages were automatically adjusted to prices.

GOVERNMENT POLICY
While it will be difficult to keep the Civil Service wages at the present level, it is pointed out to rise, the Government was doing everything in its power to prevent unnecessary rises in the cost of living.

NO WASHING TO HANG ON SIEGFRIED LINE

NAZI TROOPS ARE VERY SHORT OF UNIFORMS
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—According to reports reaching here, the Allied economic warfare is now being felt in Germany even among the troops in the Siegfried Line.

The reports assert that many of the men are in want of new uniforms and other clothing and even the richest Germans, it is reported are finding it hard to obtain new clothes which are particularly needed now because of the very cold winter.

POOR FOOD
Generally speaking, however, there is no serious food shortage, provided one has the money to pay for it, but the fare obtainable is monotonous and to a certain extent lacking in nutriment.

The freezing of German waterways is holding up coal deliveries and this, combined with the shortage of clothing and the extreme cold augurs ill for the comfort of Germans during the remainder of the winter.

NAZIS FEAR U.S. WILL JOIN WAR

REACTIONS TO SPEECH MADE BY ROOSEVELT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's speech is regarded from beginning to end as an attack on Germany, according to German political circles quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Telegraph.

NEUTRALITY WEAKENED
He states that it is considered that President Roosevelt weakened America's attitude of neutrality.

This opinion is further strengthened by the report that the Navy Secretary, Mr. Charles Edison, proposed placing certain industries under the direct control of the state.

LESS CONFIDENCE
It is recalled that the American authorities obtained the same powers in 1917, a month or two before America entered the war and although it is too much to claim that this step is an indication of American intention to participate in the war, there is less confidence in the continuance of America's neutrality in all circumstances.

STUDENT RELIEF APPROPRIATION

Kumming University Thanks Gen. Chiang
KUNMING, Jan. 5 (Central).—On behalf of the 4,000 students from the war areas local University presidents have sent a joint telegram to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek thanking him for his appropriation of \$100,000 for their relief.

Those who signed the wire included Drs. Men-lin Chiang, Y.M. Mei and Chang Po-ling, standing members of the Southwest Associated University, Mr. Tsoi Lai, Chancellor of the National Chungshan University, Mr. Hsiao Ching-lai, President of the National Yunnan University, and Mr. Chang Chih-chiang, President of the National Physical Culture Institute.

DARING ESCAPE ATTEMPT BY GRAF SPEE CREW

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—Five members of the Graf Spee crew made a daring attempt to escape internment.

They secured a motor launch and started for Buenos Aires. The motor launch developed engine trouble and the men were overtaken and brought back.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Mr. E. M. Raymond, the Acting Commissioner gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following donations:

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The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at Cable & Wireless, Ltd., Hongkong Branch.

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(Under the auspices of The New Territories Agricultural Association) to be held at Fanling (near the Fanling Railway Station) on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th, 1940.

H.E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th, 1940.

Prizes will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th, 1940.

Concession rates kindly granted by the Kowloon-Canton Railway of visitors to the Show on the 10 a.m., 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. trains from Kowloon, and any train from Fanling after 1.00 p.m. on both days.

Admittance: FREE.

CROSSWORD NO. 02

ACROSS

- 1 Frolic
- 6 Body of water
- 9 Prominent ridge in cloth
- 12 Family of violin makers
- 13 Legume
- 14 Everything
- 15 Widespread fright
- 16 Sluggishness
- 18 Different
- 20 River nymph
- 21 Struggle
- 23 Energy
- 25 Knot
- 26 Carpenter's tool
- 27 Dining
- 29 Farther away
- 31 Position in fencing
- 35 Experts
- 37 Sense organ
- 38 Region of Indo-China
- 41 Personal pronoun
- 42 Guy rope
- 43 Overturn
- 45 Record of an event
- 47 Under part of an automobile
- 49 Cut off the final syllable
- 52 Equip
- 53 Air hero
- 54 Front piece of a helmet
- 55 City of the Netherlands
- 56 Thing; in law
- 57 Places of bliss

DOWN

- 1 Head covering
- 2 Candlenut
- 3 Full suit of armour
- 4 Eaglestone
- 5 Wealthy
- 6 Breath of life
- 7 Indefinite period of time
- 8 Arabian sea-port
- 9 Fixed relation of number
- 10 Homeric epic
- 11 Leaf of a plant
- 17 Wander at will
- 19 Escapes
- 21 Vehicle
- 22 Be indebted to
- 24 Covering for the hand
- 27 Goal
- 28 Browline
- 30 Fertile spots
- 32 Apprehend clearly
- 33 Tin receptacle
- 34 Unit of work
- 36 Different appearances
- 38 Profit
- 39 Insect
- 40 Siouan Indian
- 42 Sound
- 44 Former Russian ruler
- 46 Field of granular snow
- 48 Frozen water
- 50 Put on
- 51 Bitter yetch

SOLUTION ON MONDAY

Solution No. 561

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ESPERANTO TOWN
TIPSIETELANT
CROPPED TOWERS
AIRY VERGETO

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WHAT IS THE CORRECT TIME IN HONGKONG?

(Special To The Hongkong Daily Press)

"What is the correct time in Hongkong?" This is a question that must strike the mind of any one who tries to judge the time by reference to the public clocks in town, for it will be found that no two of them agree.

HOTTEST DAY IN CURRENT WINTER

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
With the maximum temperature touching 73.5 degrees F., yesterday was the hottest day for the current winter season in Hongkong, the previous highest temperature since Dec. 1 being 73.2 degrees on Dec. 17.

The highest temperature recorded in Hongkong in January last year was 73.6 on Jan. 20, while the highest January temperature ever recorded in the Colony was 79.3 degrees. That was 35 years ago when a sudden "heat wave" was felt on Jan. 23, 1905.

Yesterday's high temperature is attributed to a change in the wind direction which is now from the south and south-east.

FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED

Committal proceedings were begun at Kowloon Court yesterday against Wong Sang, 40, and Li Tam-lam, 23, charged with having on various dates attempted to obtain by false pretences from Der Yun-sun, married woman of No. 133, Cheung Sha Wan Road, a sum of \$130.

Defendants are alleged to have attempted to obtain the money by means of a letter from the U.S.A., purported to have been written by the complainant's husband in Boston, advising her to pay a sum of \$130 to two men with which they would purchase certain merchandise.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for the defendants, and the prosecution is in the hands of Det. Insp. A. E. Carey. Hearing will be continued on Monday morning.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE

At the recent First Aid Examination held at Kowloon Hospital on Dec. 20, the following candidates were successful: Ethel Barker, Margaret Bough, Caroline Brailsford, Gwen Dooley, Ada Fraser, Doris Chan, Vera Squibb, Vivienne Hollidge, Mabel Shea, Renie Yuen, Dorothy Shaw, Vera Anderson, Betty Kendal, Irene Lee, Myrtle Mok, Anne Moodie, Beatrice Pope, Elsie Saunders, Lillian Stone, Florence Yeo and Ellen Moss.

NEWSETTES

Mr. I. Newton, J.P., will leave Fanling Lodge tomorrow.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote, accompanied by Mrs. T. V. N. Fortescue, will return from Fanling Lodge to Government House tomorrow.

At the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, tomorrow at 9 p.m., the speaker will be the Rev. Frank Short and his subject "Man and Free Will."

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present at a performance by Mr. Ma Sz-tsang and Company in aid of the British War Organisation Fund at the Tai Ping Theatre on Monday at 9.30 p.m.

Mrs. Dunlop has kindly offered to lecture on a short A.R.P. course for housewives (i.e. to women with small children), on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. at the Volunteer Headquarters, provided twelve names are sent in. Names and address as should be sent to the Womens A.R.P. Colonial Secretariat.

According to a notification at the Harbour Office borings will commence as from Monday for four days, off the end of the existing pier at the Government Slipway in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. The junk so employed will be anchored not more than 150 feet from the seawall. All craft are warned to keep clear and exercise more care in passing the craft so employed.

Tam Pak-hung, 35, described as a broker, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday charged with the theft of ten cents from a hawk's stall in Queen's Road East on Thursday. Tam, denied the charge, and the case was adjourned to this morning.

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund, which was increased by £5,000 on Wednesday, now stands at £919,000. The Nigeria War Relief Fund sent a fifth donation which brings the total of the Nigerian contribution to £10,000.

A dress rehearsal of the Ballet "A Christmas Night's Dream" and other items, to be given by the pupils of the Goncharoff School of Dancing, at the King's Theatre on Jan. 10 and 11, at 5.10 p.m. on each day, will be held at the King's Theatre tomorrow at 10.15 a.m.

Sponsored by the Hongkong Branch of the New Life Movement Association, of which Madame Wu Te-chen is the Chairman, a theatrical performance was held at the Tai Ping Theatre yesterday. The proceeds will be for the purchase of winter garments for the wounded soldiers and refugees.

Lord Willington, who left England on Thursday by air for Australia en route to represent the King at the New Zealand Centenary Celebrations, will fly from Australia across the Tasman Sea in a flying-boat, which is one of those intended for the regular Tasman Sea Service.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFENCE

Mortgage Dispute Hearing

Evidence was called for the defence when hearing was resumed at the Supreme Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, of the action in which Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim are seeking a declaration that two mortgages executed in respect of No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 98 Wing Lok Street are fraudulent.

Plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter K. C. and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada. Defendant, Fung Kai-sun, is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C. and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

Lo Kwok-min, an interpreter employed by Messrs. Russ and Co., said that he was first introduced to Chan Kwok-nim about 11 years ago. The third plaintiff, he said, was not the person he knew by the same name.

MEMORIAL SIGNED

The mortgage and Land Office memorial were signed by Chan Chung-wah, or Chan Kwok-nim, at the same time, but he could not say why one of the signatures had been erased and another substituted. The signature as appearing on the mortgage, said witness, was different from the one on the memorial.

When Chan Chung-wah later put through a mortgage with the Overseas Bank, witness was asked to identify two other mortgages, whose names were given as Chan Fui-hing and Chan Sik-tin. The first and second plaintiffs were not those persons.

Tam Chak-lam, attested clerk of Mr. Peter H. Sin, also testified that he knew a man named Chan Kwok-nim, alias Chan Chung-wah, who was not the third plaintiff. The case will be resumed on Monday.

EXHIBITION OF ANCIENT CHINESE ART

On January 10, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be an exhibition of ancient Chinese paintings at the Fung Ping Shan Library of the University of Hongkong, under the joint auspices of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture, the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations and the Sino-British Cultural Association.

There will be some 25 carefully chosen pictures, all masterpieces of the Ming and the early Tsing Dynasties, and they form part of the valuable collection of Mr. Wong Tze-ching, a well-known Cantonese art collector and connoisseur, who happens to be in this Colony owing to the Sino-Japanese War.

The organisers of this coming exhibition have in view the continuation of their efforts along similar lines, and periodical presentations are contemplated.

By pooling the efforts of the three cultural associations, it is also expected that much overlapping and duplicate work will be avoided in this common field of their activities, while making it possible to have a better and more comprehensive programme. The exhibition will be open to all the members of three associations and their friends.

H.K. UNIVERSITY ARTS ASSOCIATION

The next general meeting of the Hongkong University Arts Association will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 8.30 p.m. in Room K of the main building, when a lecture entitled "A Year in the Arctic Regions" will be delivered by Capt. A. B. Whatman. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides. The lecture, "Ancient Greece," by Miss Katherine Lai, B.A., announced for yesterday has been postponed till the beginning of February.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ANTI-GAS LECTURE
Jan. 12 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All available Officers and Company Gas Instructors. Lecture—Major Petri.

PARADES
1st Battery
Gun Detachments: Jan. 9 Belchers, 5.30 p.m. B.C. Staff, No. 1 and No. 2 gun detachments and D.R.F. Specialists. Battery drill. Dress—Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes.

Lewis Gunners: Jan. 11 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction. Dress—Overalls and caps.
D.E.L. Section: Jan. 10 Wellington Barracks, 5.30 p.m. Mobile light training. Dress—Overalls and caps.

2nd Battery
Jan. 10 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Left Section. Miniature Range.
Jan. 11 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Right Section and D.E.L. Detachment. Miniature Range.

3rd Battery
Jan. 8 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All ranks Rifle and squad drill. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.
Jan. 11 (1) Gun Detachments and Range-takers. Battery drill. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes (1) L.G. Squad. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

4th Battery
Jan. 11 Parade for D.E.L. is cancelled. The next parade will be on Friday, Jan. 19.

5th Battery
Jan. 11 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s only. Parade under R.S.M.
Jan. 8 Queen's Pier, 5 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Dress—Overalls.
Jan. 10 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress—Muffs.
Field Company Engineers
Jan. 8 K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry and drill.
Jan. 11 K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Lecture—New developments in demolition technique.

Corps Signals
Jan. 8 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.
Mobile Column
Jan. 6 Hung Hom Railway Depot, 7.30 p.m. Tactical exercise.

No. 1 Company
Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons: Jan. 9 and 12 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme.
No. 4 Platoon: Jan. 9 and 12 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.
No. 2 Company
Jan. 11 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade.

No. 3 Company
Jan. 8 and 11 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company circular.

No. 4 Company
Jan. 10 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Respirator drill.

No. 5 Company
Jan. 7 Stonecutters, M.G. Part II. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.40 a.m. Dress—Optical. Range Officer—As detailed by O.C.
Jan. 9 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (1) Class A. Those who have not yet fired Part I.A.M.G.C. Remainder, night firing (2) Classes B and C. Stoppages—Revision.

No. 6 Company
Jan. 9 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Foot and Arms drill.

No. 7 Company
Jan. 8 H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle instruction. Miniature Range.
Jan. 11 H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Aiming instruction. Military vocabulary.
Army Service Corps Company
Jan. 9 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.'s.

Field Ambulance
Jan. 10 Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Uniform.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.
Lecture: The next lecture in First Aid will be held on Friday, January 12 at 5.30 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

S. N. THURSEY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

PRACTICAL BANDAGING CLASSES
Practical bandaging classes will be held on Monday, January 15 at 10.30 a.m. at Volunteer Headquarters, and 5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill. Transport for the evening class will leave Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. (Sgd.) Mrs. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Assistant Comdt., Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

C.B.A. JUMBLE SALE

Many local residents found their way to the Union Church Hall yesterday afternoon where the Central British Association held their annual Jumble Sale. There was brisk business.

Ready-to-wear merchandise was closely examined and selected. Household articles disappeared quickly and many odds and ends of a variety of useful items found ready buyers.

Proceeds from the sale will be shared between Association funds and the British War Organisation fund.

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THEORETICAL (Paper Work) on 8th June, 1940. Last day of entry 10th February, 1940.

Regulations, Official List of Pieces and Studies, Entrance Forms and Information on application to the Local Secretary, J. E. ANDERSON, c/o The Anderson Music Co., Ltd., Ice House Street, Hong Kong.

OLD CHELTONIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold the annual dinner at the Hong Kong Club on Friday, January 12th at 8.15 p.m. Will all those O.C.'s who are able to attend, please communicate with T.C. Baker, c/o Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

BIRTH

WATSON.—On December 31, 1939, at the Country Hospital, to Phyllis, wife of J. B. Watson, a son.

ENGAGEMENT

MURCH — GORDIKOVA — The engagement is announced between Lieut.-Commander N. R. Murch, R.N., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Murch, of Narenta, Dawlish, Devon, and Miss Valentina Gordikova, youngest daughter of the late Mr. M. M. Gordikova and Mrs. Gordikova, of Berlin.

DEATHS

VILLAS.—On Sunday, December 31, 1939, suddenly, at his residence, 475 Avenue Joffre, Joseph Richard Villas, aged 42 years, the dearly-loved husband of Mrs. Renee Villas.

KINDNESS.—On Monday, January 1, 1940, Geoffrey, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kindness.

KRILL.—On January 1, 1940, at the Pauline Hospital, Shanghai, Emma Krill, aged 34 years.

CARRELL.—On January 2, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Louis Raymond Carrell, aged 55 years, Coast Inspector, Chinese Maritime Customs, beloved husband of Lucy Carrell.

Japanese Burn Mission Hospital

FURTHER THREATS ALLEGED

SHANGHAI, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—The British Consul-General at Tsingtao has made representations to the Japanese following the burning of the English Methodist Mission Hospital at Chuchia, near Wuyingfu, in Shantung, on Dec. 23 by Japanese troops, in retaliation for the alleged treatment of wounded guerrillas.

FURTHER THREAT Before departing, the Japanese are reported to have made a threat to burn the church and foreign houses in the Mission compound at a later date.

Execution Of Opium Traffickers

CHENG TU, Jan. 5 (Central).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who is concurrently Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, has ordered the execution of six opium traffickers arrested recently in Yipin, South Szechwan.

U.S. JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Francis Biddle, at present Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals, has been nominated Solicitor-General. Mr. Murphy replaces Mr. Pierce Butler, who died in November. He is the President's fifth nominee to the Nineman Court.

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NORTH RIVER VICTORY

THE VICTORY IN NORTH KWANGTUNG, China's second military triumph since the commencement of hostilities in Europe, serves notice on the world that the period of easy Japanese advances has reached an end and that the Chinese army, while not yet sufficiently strong to launch a general strategic counter-offensive, is now definitely capable of launching and consolidating local counter-attacks as part of an active strategy of defence.

THIS IS NOT TO SAY that the Japanese will not gain another inch of Chinese territory. It does mean, however, that any such gain will not be easily achieved, that it will require great forces to maintain and that, in an increasing majority of cases, the attempts of the invaders to advance further will be repelled and driven back. The second stage of the war in China, the stage of stalemate, characterised by a deadlock on the main fronts, intensification of warfare in the rear of the enemy, and the mustering of national forces for the final counter-thrust of the third, has, in its main essentials, already begun.

IT IS NOT in its military aspects alone that the present victory recalls that of Changsha. As in September, it takes place at a time when the diplomatic atmosphere is filled with rumours of an early "peace"—a "peace" based on the status quo and, therefore, on Chinese concessions. These rumours have been so strong as to affect the London securities market, and they are being enthusiastically spread by interested parties at a time when the Ambassadors of Great Britain, France and the United States are gathered in Chungking. The successful repelling of a body of 70,000 Japanese troops led by General Nishio, Commander-in-Chief of the entire enemy expeditionary force in China, and General Itagaki, its Chief of Staff, should encourage the Chinese people to fight on with redoubled vigour and convince these diplomats, and the world at large, that not only do China's war aims remain the same—i.e. to drive the invader back to his islands—but her ability to achieve them is much greater than ever before.

TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO, a few days after the Lukouchiao incident, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek pointed out that once China embarked upon her fateful struggle there could be no stopping midway if national suicide was to be avoided. Just a year ago, when Prince Konoye announced his famous peace proposals providing for withdrawal of Japanese forces from all parts of China except Inner Mongolia, the leader of the country's resistance asked pithily: "Since that would leave the Japanese in a better position than they occupied at the outbreak of the war, what will we have fought for if we agree? To-day the position remains unchanged, except for the fact that it is Japan that has stopped midway and begins, more and more desperately, to seek a way to shift from her shoulders the self-imposed task of establishing 'the New Order in East Asia.' Gradually and relentlessly the proud burden of the Samurai has turned into a tenacious

and menacing Old Man of the Sea. There is no reason why China should even consider any action that disembarass her enemy of this crushing load. On the contrary, every evidence of its increasing weight should encourage to drive with greater determination towards her ultimate aims.

THE RENEWED JAPANESE MILITARY ACTIVITY that we are now witnessing, like the Wang Ching-wei mummery and the attempt to hoodwink the Western Powers into helping Tokyo out of the mess in which it has become involved, represent the interaction of Japan's anxiety to "liquidate the China affair" and her lack of faith in the efficacy of every one of the methods on which she must depend for the achievement of this result.

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BLOW BY BLOW, the Japanese hammer has been forging the steel of Chinese resistance, a steel that grows both harder and more resilient as the hammer wears out and the arm that wields it begins to droop with fatigue.



Private A.C.T. Williams and his bride, formerly Miss Cecilia Dolores Loring, after their wedding at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

FUNERAL OF MR. W.L. FORSTER

The funeral took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday of Mr. William Linton Forster, aged 75, who died at the French Hospital on Thursday after a short illness. The late Mr. Forster, who was the Chief Officer of the S. S. Chuen Chow, is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

The Rev. Charles Strong officiated at the grave side and there was a large attendance of relatives and friends. Wreaths were sent by Joney and Susan Forster, T. Gibbons, Captain H. S. Loud, Mr. and Mrs. Ewin, Captain and Officers of S. S. Sai On, The China Coast Officers' Guild, Messrs. Y. M. Ho, Leung Fook-tin, Ng Kam-kow, Chan Tai-koo, Lau Tak-yan, Chan Kip-ling, A. K. Yuen, S. Y. Li, H. T. Li, C. M. Ho, K. S. Lam, K. K. Leung, Y. T. Li, Li Yui-wing, P. Y. Wai and others.

Hunan Administrative Programme

CHANGSHA, Jan. 5 (Central).—The administrative programme of Hunan for the current year was discussed at a meeting of the provincial authorities on Wednesday.

The programme calls for the intensification of the spiritual mobilisation movement, readjustment of the administrative machinery, increase of production, fulfilment of military requirements, popularisation of education and eradication of corruption.

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HAPPY CHILDREN'S PARTY IN MACAO

From Our Own Correspondent
MACAO, Jan. 5.—The Santa Rosa de Lima College for Girls was the scene of a happy children's party yesterday afternoon when a cinema show, garden fair and Girls' League, the proceeds of the sale of tickets going to charities.

Lasting all afternoon, the fun began with the showing of Mickey Mouse and other cartoons, at the conclusion of which a musical tableaux of the Stable at Bethlehem was staged.

GARDEN FAIR

The Garden Fair followed and the children were kept in high spirits at the various stalls, which included peep-shows and a fishing-for-gifts well. Obstacle races were also run, the winners receiving suitable prizes.

The afternoon concluded with tea in a room which was decorated suitably for the occasion.

Assisted by the sisters of the College, members of the Franciscan Mission, through whose help the party was made a success, the Catholic Girls' League is composed of ex-pupils of the College.

CONDUIT PATH ROBBERIES

Yip Kau, 22, unemployed, and Hau Sai-kwong, 25, a cinema translator, were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday with two robberies in Conduit Path and were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan said that three men, armed with a dagger, held up Pao Yiu-chiu, student, and robbed him of a wrist watch, a gold finger ring and a dollar in money on December 13. Three days later, Lau Chin-sheng, married woman, and Lau Pui-shum, school teacher, were robbed at the same place.

POSSESSION OF ARMS

Appearing before Mr. H. J. Cruikwell at the District Court South yesterday on charges of robbery, and possession of arms, on December 30, at Wong Keng Tsai Village, two men, Cheung Yau, 31, and Lau Kun-tse, 25, were committed to the Criminal Sessions. Insp. F. D. E. Tuckett prosecuted.

Defendants were alleged to have threatened the victims with a revolver and after taking \$2 from Lo Wing-yuk and \$26.33 from Wong Yau ran away.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:
NORTHBOUND
Monday: Bangkok, Hanol, Hongkong.
Della—4 p.m.

Sunday: Hanol, Bangkok, Denebola—7 a.m.
Air France

NORTHBOUND
Wednesday: France, Hanol, Hongkong.
Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND
Thursday: Hanol, France.
Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND
Friday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
Philippine Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND
Saturday: Manila, U.S.A.
Philippine Clipper—8.30 a.m.

NOTE: Imperial Airways' inward service from Bangkok due in H.K. on Sunday has been delayed twenty-four hours. The Pan American Airways' clipper has again been delayed and will not arrive until Friday.

COLONY HEALTH

Twelve cases of tuberculosis, three cases of dysentery, two cases of small-pox, two cases of enteric fever and one case of diphtheria were notified to the Health Department on Jan. 4.

DR. ROBERT LIM ENTERTAINED

Appeal For More Male Nurses

Dr. Robert S. E. Lim, Director General of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Co., was the guest of honour of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club at dinner last night at the Chinese Merchants' Club.

Lantern slides showing the work of the Red Cross at the front and at the base hospitals were shown and explained by Dr. Lim, who also spoke of the past activities of the Corps and its future plans.

With Dr. Lim at the official table were Dr. C. Y. Wu, Dr. Eva Ho Tung, Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Mr. and Mrs. Lo Tung-fan and Mr. and Mrs. Y. K. Chow.

NO STRANGER
Welcoming Dr. Lim, Mrs. Li Shu-pui said:—

Dr. Lim is no stranger to Hongkong. His services in China since the beginning of the war are nowhere more appreciated than among the relief workers and philanthropists in this Colony.

In the line to which the Chinese Red Cross has paid special attention, namely, the relief and treatment of wounded and sick combatants, Hongkong relief associations have been active.

82 MEDICAL UNITS
After thanking the Chinese Women's Club for their kindness, Dr. Lim said that there were at the present time 82 medical units working with the troops at the front, four of which were actually working behind the Japanese lines.

Recounting the various phases of warfare, Dr. Lim stated that the present policy of reducing the country to its primitive state by destroying highways and other indications useful to the Japanese. Chinese military strategy had accomplished remarkable results.

The new strategy had completely stopped the Japanese advance by making it impossible for the invaders to make much use of their mechanised forces.

Dr. Lim appealed for more male nurses. He said that the medical workers had to march with the army, and it was of a strain on the women nurses who were working at this time at the front.

Stating that the morale of the Chinese troops was excellent, Dr. Lim emphasised that it was of great importance to see that their physical condition was not impaired. He concluded by saying that the Chinese Army was more than holding its own at this time, and it was not reasonable to expect progress in the future.

LOCAL ESTATES PROBATES GRANTED

Probates have been granted by the Supreme Court in respect of three estates.

Wong Ho Shi, alias Yau Hing, alias Wong Ho Yau Hing, who died at No. 10, Broadwood Road, on April 4 last, left local estate valued at \$13,500. Probate has been granted to Wong Yee-chung, merchant.

Leung Cum-chiu, alias Joseph Leung Cum-chiu, retired clerk, who died at No. 17, Nanking St., on August 23 last, left local estate of \$11,700. Probate has been granted to the widow, Chan Shou-chung.

Yu Wo Ho, otherwise U Woo Wo or Yu Wo-hoo, retired laundryman, who died at No. 53 Temple Street, on July 3 last year, left local estate valued at \$7,500. Probate has been granted to Yu Lai Yuk, goldsmith.

Letters of administration have been granted to Wong Chu Han Nga, widow, in respect of the estate of Wong King-yuk, retired laundress, who died at Yau Wo Village, Toishan District, leaving estate in Hongkong valued at \$7,100.

Kwangtung & Fukien Relief Moves

The National Relief Commission has appointed Mr. Tu Tsch-sheng, prominent Shanghai leader, now resident in Hongkong, as relief commissioner for Kwangtung and Fukien.

The Commission has appropriated an additional \$220,000 for relief in Kwangtung. Of this amount \$100,000 has been remitted to General Chang Shang-hua, and General Chang Shang-hua, and \$20,000 to the Kwangtung Relief Commission for distribution, while the remaining \$100,000 has been brought to Kwangtung by Mr. Chung Ko-to, Director of the 2nd Department of the Commission, by plane for urgent relief.

The Commission has also sent a delegate to Kwangsi with \$100,000 to relieve the war refugees there.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

The new motorship of the De la Rama Steamship Co. will be in harbour this morning on her maiden voyage, and, according to reports, the limited passenger accommodation is booked through to Shanghai. The motorship will be leaving later in the day for the north.

American President Line

THE FLAGSHIP of the American steamship line called yesterday.

Mr. N. J. De Geest, one of Standard Vacuum Oil Company's engineers, usually with his home base in Batavia, arrived from America. It has been a year since this visitor left our shores and after a short renewal of acquaintances he will continue south.

The gentleman who likes his poker and his ladies came back to town after a Shanghai visit over the New Year. He is Mr. Claude Barr, the well-known general agent in the Far East of the Canadian National Railways.

Rev. F. A. Donaghy was roundly greeted by his brother brethren from the Maryknoll Mission here. Hongkong will be his home in the months to come.

Back from the rigours of Shan-hai returned Mr. W. C. Farnham, representative of the Sun Oil Co. And returning from an extended business excursion in the United States was Mr. Tsi Wai, president of the Ti Hang Wo Co.

Imperial Airways

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 3.25 and 3.40, respectively, the R.M.A. Delphinus and the R.M.A. Denebola arrived at Kai Tak from Bangkok.

Mr. Eric Guard Price, official of Butterfield and Swire, returned to his desk here from business in Bangkok.

Mr. F. E. Stanek, representative of Bata Shoe Co. in Hongkong, flew back from a business visit in Calcutta. Business is very good in India and the air journey was great.

From Calcutta to Hongkong and on to Manila is Mr. P. F. Kohliass's itinerary. He is an official of the Tata Iron and Steel Co. in India, and with a sad shake of his head he reported the political situation in his country was far from satisfactory.

Air France

IT WAS A FULL plane on the Air France service which departed Kai Tak on Thursday at 6 a.m. for France, via Hanol.

Mr. R. Sanger, one of the brass hats over at Standard Vacuum Oil Co. went to Hanol on a business call.

Mr. E. Berth, another taipan in the steamship business in Indo-China was returning to his offices and home there, also on a business call.

Rev. L. Merlet, from Shanghai, was passing through our city again en route to Hanol and the interior of China. The busy missionary heads the Zikawei Church in the North.

Mr. O. W. Croydon was bound for Saigon and Mr. A. J. L. Brusset held a ticket through to Marseilles.

Canadian Line

A QUIET AND PLEASANT journey across the Pacific with Christmas and New Year's Eve spent at sea was the lot of the passengers arriving on the Canadian liner this week.

Mrs. Eldon Potter received a warm welcome on the chilly morning of her arrival from England, via Canada. Both of the children in the family, the well-known attractive daughter and a son, are in England where Mrs. Potter has been on a visit.

Mr. A. J. Avramow, representative of Messrs. T. de la Rue and known as one of the keenest businessmen in the Far East, returned from Shanghai business calls. Business is good but the weather was certainly cold!

A great hello was extended to Mr. P. A. Cox, retired Assistant Oriental Manager of Canadian Pacific Railway who was returning to Hongkong. He likes our city and will remain a while!

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Alltree, connected with our Supreme Court, returned from holidays and Mr. D. E. Clark, official of J. D. Humphreys and Son, was back in town after a very pleasant trip, thank you!

J.C.J.L. Line

THE BIG and comfortable Dutch motorship departed our shores mid-week bound for southern calls.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. H. Lang, former official administrator of our Supreme Court was calling it a day and retiring to an anti-

pated and leisurely journey home to England. The first stop will be Singapore where they will visit for several weeks.

Mr. R. de Vos, one of Jan Marsman's right-hand officials, went sailing down on business to Manila.

Miss A. P. Madrigal, accompanied by her brother and Dr. A. Paterno returned home to Manila and concluded a great New Year's visit in our city.

Returning to home and business in Singapore after a thoroughly hectic Christmas and New Year's visit here were Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Swain. The many friends at the shipside were certainly loath to see them depart.

PASSENGERS

Departures And Arrivals

The following is a list of passengers who will be sailing for Manila today:—

Mr. and Mrs. Morley M. L. Cho, Mr. J. E. Horton, Mr. M. D. Cooper, Mr. T. M. West, Mr. P. F. Kohliass, Mr. Raymond F. Navarro, Mrs. A. M. Lopton, Mr. C. H. Schneider, Miss A. Trillo, Mr. L. T. Idefonso, Mr. Charles C. Akana, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanovitch and infant, Mr. Chow Hon Yan, Mr. Ho Man Yui, Mr. Lau Peng Choy, Mr. Lau Cheong Foo, Mr. Lim Tjong Su, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Johnson, Mr. Yee Gee, Mr. Chua San, Mr. Ong Lee.

Passengers arriving by an American steamer were:—

Miss Caroline Braga, Miss Mary Braga, Sun Tsi Chen, Ping Hoo Ching, Mrs. S. C. Chow, Ming Poo Chu, Mrs. Eve Denton, Miss Ruby Dons, J. R. Dunn, Miss J. R. Dunn, R. J. Elder, Hira Gudumal, Mrs. Billy Gregory, We Tek Hons, Ping Chen Ip, Chang Jean, Keng Tong Kan, Dr. Singam Kashemari, Dr. Chalong Kachitti, Tsung Lia Ku, Shing Fan Lam, Leo Landan, King Lee, Sung Li, Cha Kan Liang, Ho Ching Ling, Tse Yu Lin, Him Lam, Shih Ching Ma, A. B. Myhre, Kiu Feng Pan, Henry C. Robinson, K. C. Sen, V. S. Souza, Mrs. V. S. Souza, Dr. Dhara Sukhavachana, Miss Margaret Toms, Henry Van Der Sleg, Mrs. Henry Van Der Sleg, Shu Ching Wong, Mrs. Tai Tai Zu.

Mrs. John Allison, C. I. Barr, Mrs. Charles H. Blac, R. S. Boyd, Mrs. Bohan Cheng, C. Z. Chong, S. I. Chang, V. L. Chang, T. S. Chang, S. Z. Chang, N. J. de Geest, Most Rev. F. A. Donaghy, E. L. Elias, W. C. Farnham, Mrs. W. N. Gray, A. R. T. Gill-Taylor, H. R. Harding, Mrs. H. R. Harding, H. Y. Hsu, Mrs. H. Y. Hsu, R. S. King, Walter Kwok, B. S. Lang, Arthur J. Long, M. L. Ling, S. F. Liu, Mrs. S. F. Liu, Francis Liu, David Liu, K. E. Morrison, S. B. Moore, Mrs. Anna Monitor, John Nettleton, Mrs. John Nettleton, P. C. Nikitovich, Geo. Pearson, Mrs. A. M. Phillips, E. W. Price, Gordon Phelps, Mrs. Gordon Phelps, Gordon G. Phelps, Roger D. Phelps, T. F. Randolph, Mrs. T. F. Randolph, John Robinson, Miss G. S. S. J. C. Sever, Mrs. J. C. Sever, Kenneth A. Seth, Mrs. Josephine Seth, Miss Ellie Seth, R. M. Stevens, Mrs. R. M. Stevens, S. K. Tam, Mrs. S. K. Tam, The Wal, F. S. Wang, W. E. Youngblood, Mrs. W. E. Youngblood, Minoru Yatsugi, and A. F. Kerke.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, 1939, there were altogether 100 traffic accidents as the result of which 6 persons were killed and 34 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a Chinese male, age 19, and a Chinese female, age 68, were knocked down and killed by a tramcar and a private motor car respectively and a 7-year-old girl and a Chinese male, age 70, were knocked down and killed by motor lorries. They were all crossing the carriageway.

Of persons injured, 28 were pedestrians, who were crossing carriageway and were struck by vehicles.

Of 100 accidents, 38 were collisions between vehicles; 44 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 20 accidents were due to other causes.

COURT DISMISSES CHING KEE APPEAL SINO-JAPANESE LEGAL BATTLE DECISION

Military Occupation Of Territory Does Not Affect Sovereignty

The appeal brought by the Dairen Kisen Kaisha and other shareholders in Dairen of the Ching Kee Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., against the decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in granting an application for the winding-up of the Hongkong branch of the Company brought by Shiang Kee, otherwise known as the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., has been dismissed with costs.

The appeal was heard by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser. Their Lordships yesterday delivered judgment.

Mr. Justice Lindsell said:—

"This is an appeal against an order made by Sir Atholl MacGregor, C. J., in these proceedings directing the winding up of the Ching Kee Steam Navigation Co., which is an unregistered company within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance, 1932, but is incorporated under the laws of the Republic of China with headquarters at Chefoo in the province of Shantung and has (or had) a branch office in this Colony. The facts are fully set out in the judgment of the Court below and need not be recapitulated. The application for winding up was based on three grounds, on each and all of which the learned Chief Justice held that the petitioners (the present respondents) were entitled to succeed. Those grounds were:—

THREE GROUNDS

(i) that there had been a winding up order made by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the country in which the company was incorporated, and, as a result of that order, the corporate powers of the company had been destroyed in that country;

(ii) that the company had in fact ceased to carry on business in the Colony;

(iii) that it was just and equitable that the company should be wound up since its substratum had disappeared and as a shipping concern it was quite unable to carry on legitimate business.

Each of these grounds has been assailed (as in the Court below) by Mr. Sheldon on behalf of the appellants but the spear-head of his attack has with our permission been now directed along a new line and has been aimed at the competency of the Chinese Court concerned to order the winding up of the company in China, not so much on account of that Court's

inability to enforce its order as because, the province of Shantung being occupied by the Japanese military forces, its jurisdiction no longer extends to that part of the country but has been ousted by the fact of such occupation.

AUTHORITIES CITED

He contends that, once it is admitted (as here) that part of a country has been effectively occupied by an enemy, the area becomes subject to that enemy and the jurisdiction of the country's Courts ceases to run therein.

In support of this contention he has cited passages from various authoritative works on International Law.

In paragraph 155, page 559 of his Treatise (8th Edition) Hall puts the case thus:—

"An invader has the right of exercising such control, and such control only, within the occupied territory, as is required for his safety and the success of his operations. But the measure and range of military necessity in particular cases can only be determined by the circumstances of those cases. It is consequently impossible formally to exclude any of the subjects of legislative or administrative action from the sphere of the control which is exercised in virtue of it; and the rights acquired by an invader in effect amount to all ultimate legislative and executive power. On occupying a country an invader at once invests himself with absolute authority; and the fact of occupation draws with it as of course the substitution of his will for previously existing laws where such substitution is reasonably needed, and also the replacement of the actual civil and judicial administration by military jurisdiction."

Again in paragraph 156, page 561—"He (the invader) suspends the operation of the laws under which they (the inhabitants) owe allegiance to their legitimate ruler" and in paragraph 157, page

558—"It has been seen that the authority of the local, civil and judicial administration is suspended as of course so soon as occupation takes place."

Statements to a similar effect appear in Oppenheim's Treatise (5th Edition) Volume II at pages 345 and 356, and in Halleck's International Law, Volume II at pages 449, 482 and 489.

ORDER A NULLITY

These authoritative statements taken by themselves undoubtedly lend some colour to the view that at the time when the winding-up order was made by the District Court of Chungking the administration of justice in the province of Shantung was no longer in the hands of the Chinese judiciary, and that the order was therefore a nullity. And the same view is also at first sight supported by two of the cases relied on by the respondents, Bank of Ethiopia v. National Bank of Egypt (1937 Chancery 513) and Banca de Balboa v. Sancha (1938, 2 Chancery 178), in each of which it was held that where "de facto" sovereignty over a country or part of a country has been established by an invader the English Courts will not give effect to decrees by the dispossessed sovereign of the country purporting to take effect in the invaded and occupied area, even though he is regarded by His Majesty's Government as still retaining "de jure" sovereignty.

In my judgment, however, this view is based on the fallacious assumption that there is no distinction in law between military occupation and "de facto" sovereignty. Reading chapter IV of Hall's Treatise as a whole I can find no support for the contention that in modern times an invader is regarded by international law as "de facto" sovereign of the territory he has occupied.

OLD THEORY

At page 558 Hall makes it clear that this was the old theory—the theory of partial and substituted sovereignty—whereas "recent writers adopt the view that the acts which are permitted to a belligerent in occupied territory are merely incidents of hostilities, that the authority which he exercises is a form of the stress which he puts upon the enemy, that the rights of the sovereign remain intact, and that the legal relations of the population towards the invader remain unchanged." So also the French Manuel de Droit International (page 93) "l'occupation est simplement un état de fait qui produit les conséquences d'un cas de force majeure; l'occupant n'est pas substitutif en droit au gouvernement légal."

Furthermore, so far from recognising the supersession by an invading power of the jurisdiction

of the local courts in the area invaded, Article 23 (h) of the Hague Regulations, 1907, states that it is specially prohibited to an invader "to declare extinguished, suspended or unenforceable in a Court of law the rights and rights of action of the nationals of the adverse party."

It is admitted here that on the Japanese occupation of Shantung the District Court of Chefoo ceased to function, but that could not deprive the respondents of their right of action in the District Court of Chungking which had been given special jurisdiction to deal with Shantung matters. Indeed the appellants themselves seem to have recognised that Chinese law had not ceased to run in Chefoo and Shantung since they appealed to the First Divisional Court of Szechuan (at Chungking) against the order of the Chungking District Court.

STATE OF "DE FACTO"

Even if effective military occupation were indistinguishable from "de facto" sovereignty, there is the clearest possible authority for the proposition that it is not for an English Court to declare that a state of "de facto" sovereignty exists, or existed at any given time, unless it has received an authoritative communication to that effect from one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or in a Crown Colony from the Colonial Secretary). Recognition of "de facto" sovereignty is an act of State, and it is only when such sovereignty is recognised by His Majesty the King as head of the State that his Courts will give effect to the legal rights that arise from the establishment thereof. In case of doubt a Court can apply to a Secretary of State for the necessary information. See the Bank of Ethiopia and Banca de Balboa cases (supra).

Here there can be no possible doubt that the duly recognised sovereignty de facto and de jure over the Province of Shantung lies in the Government of the Republic of China, and it follows that this Court cannot consider the possibility of any other sovereignty being exercised or of the curtailment of any of China's rights therein.

CANNOT BE IMPUGNED

It follows also that the Court is bound to treat the acts of the Courts of the Sovereign Republic of China, as acts which cannot be impugned and to hold the order of the Chungking District Court, confirmed as it was on appeal by the First Divisional Court of Szechuan, for the winding-up of the Ching Kee Company to have been duly and effectively made by a Court of competent jurisdiction, and that the existence of the Company in China, was, except for the purposes of its winding-up, terminated by that order.

I cannot therefore see how it can be contended that the company, the corporate juristic existence of which has ceased, should be deemed to be still in being merely because it is still carrying on its activities in North China. If I understand him aright, Mr. Sheldon submits that those activities, sponsored as they must be by the Japanese, have converted the company into an alien enemy of China, with the affairs of which this Court cannot interfere. Whatever force there might be in this contention if the company were still incorporated for all purposes under the laws of China, it seems to me that its winding-up as a corporation has automatically deprived it of any such status. It may well be that the persons responsible for its continued activities under the aegis of Japanese interests have broken the laws of China by trading with enemy subjects but it is the individuals and not the corporation who are now carrying on business. The corporation itself is dead. Since then the parent trunk has for all practical purposes ceased to exist, how can this Court be reasonably asked to say that a branch is still alive?

ENGLISH LAW

In *re Russian Bank for Foreign Trade* (1933, 1 Ch. 745) and *Lazard Brothers & Co. v. Midland Bank* (1933 A.C. 289) are the clearest possible authority for the proposition that, once a foreign corporation has been dissolved by an act of the foreign state which gave it being, the corporation will no longer be regarded by English law as still existent, and, as Maughan J. (as he then was) said in his judgment (p. 784) in the former case, the branch of such a corporation is nothing but "a submerged wreck floating on the ocean of commerce."

It is true that in each of those cases the Russian corporation concerned had been swept out of existence and was completely inanimate, whereas here some of the activities of the Company are admittedly still being carried on in North China, but the fact still remains that the existence of the Company as a juristic person has been destroyed by the order of the Chungking District Court and with its destruction the Hongkong Branch, which must depend for its legal being on the continued existence of the company, cannot be deemed to be still alive.

RISK OF SEIZURE

Even were it possible to regard the branch as able to carry on a separate existence, it is obvious that such existence could only be maintained either by exposing the company's ships to the risk of almost certain seizure by an enemy power or by permitting the affairs of the branch to be managed by an enemy corporation. It is this feature, apart from the fact that we are here dealing with a branch and not with the parent corporation itself, that makes the case clearly distinguishable from *In re Middleborough Assembly Rooms* relied on by the appellants. There the company (14 Ch. D. 104) which is relied on by the appellants. There the company had suspended its activities for a considerable period in the hope of the return of better times and a disgruntled shareholder petitioned for its winding-up which was opposed by a considerable majority of the other

shareholders, and in such circumstances, the Court of Appeal held that the wishes of the majority, the safety of the assets and the ability of the company to resume business at any time were decisive reasons against allowing it to be wound up.

Here, although the appellants hold many more shares than do the respondents, the business of the branch cannot possibly be carried on except to the jeopardy of the assets, or else under the control of Japanese agents whose appointment as such was not only void but illegal under the law of China.

For these reasons and for the reasons given in the judgment of the Court below I am satisfied that the winding up order herein was rightly made and that this appeal should be dismissed with costs.

MR. JUSTICE FRASER

Mr. Justice Fraser said:—

I agree with the judgment which has just been delivered by the learned Puisne Judge.

The *Ching Kee Steam Navigation Company, Limited*, is a company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of China, and having its principal place of business at Chefoo in the Province of Shan Tung, now occupied by the Japanese forces.

The company is carrying on business in Chefoo, Dalren, An Tung, Tientsin, New Chwang, Tsingtao and Shanghai, and its ships fly the Chinese flag. But that they do so is little more than a fiction. The ships enjoy only a limited freedom. Their movements are controlled by Japanese agents.

With that state of affairs the majority of the shareholders, who are the appellants in this case, appear to concur. But there are fifteen hundred of them, the respondents in this case, who do not concur with the action of the majority, who wish to dissociate themselves from it and the other shareholders, and who to that end have petitioned in the Chinese courts for the dissolution of the company. All the shareholders have submitted themselves to the Chinese courts, which have ordered the dissolution of the company.

CHINESE JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of inferior courts in China is derived from section 2 of Article II of the Chinese Civil Code—

"Regarding the proceedings against a private juristic person or other corporate bodies capable of being made parties in a suit, the court of the district where its principal office or principal place of business is shall be of competent jurisdiction."

But the court to which application would ordinarily have been made, namely the Chefoo District Court, was prevented from exercising its functions by the military occupation of Chefoo by the Japanese. A special court of first instance was appointed by an order of the Supreme Court of China, under Article XXIII of the Chinese Revised Code of Civil Procedure, by which—

"the court directly higher than the court whose jurisdiction is in question shall appoint, on the application of a party to the proceedings, a court of competent jurisdiction... when a court of competent jurisdiction is, by reasons of law or fact, prevented from exercising its power of conducting a hearing."

The special court ordered the dissolution of the company and from that decision the appellants in this case appealed to the Supreme Court of China, which rejected the appeal.

ENEMY CHARACTER

It is here contended that the Chinese courts had no jurisdiction because, it is said, the administration of Shan Tung by the Chinese has been replaced by the military jurisdiction of the invaders, the allegiance which the company formerly owed to China has been displaced in favour of an allegiance to Japan, and the company has now acquired an enemy character which would remove it from the jurisdiction of the Chinese courts even if in fact they were able to enforce their judgment that the company be dissolved.

Despite that judgment, it is said, the company still has in fact a corporate existence and is carrying on business in Chefoo, and therefore there is no ground on which the branch of the company in Hongkong can be wound up under section 313 (1) (b) of the Companies Ordinance, 1932 (No. 39).

It is said by counsel for the appellants that in the contemplation of a neutral (British) court the company is perfectly entitled to trade with Japan.

For some purposes, indeed, it seems that the company has acquired enemy character. Chefoo is in the actual possession of the Japanese forces. The produce of Chefoo and the property of the company in Chefoo would be regarded by the Chinese as enemy property and so liable to seizure. The nationality of the occupied territory of Shan Tung as regards property is no doubt Japanese.

ANALOGOUS POSITION

The position of the company is analogous to that to which Lord Lindley, in *Janson v. Driefontein Consolidated Mines, Limited*, (1902) A.C. at page 505, was referring when he said—

"When war broke out the company became an alien enemy of this country... although almost all its shareholders were resident elsewhere and subjects of other countries."

Commenting on this statement in *Porter v. Freudenberg*, (1915) 1 K.B. 857, at page 868, Lord Reading, C.J., said—

"Lord Lindley's statement was not intended to be, and is not, exhaustive. His Lordship, for the purposes of the appeal then before the House of Lords, was considering the character of a trading corporation and did not purport to deal with persons residing but not carrying on a business in the enemy territory."

Such a person is equally treated as an alien enemy, provided he is voluntarily resident there, having elected to live under the protection of the enemy state. For the purpose of determining civil rights, a British subject, or the subject of a neutral state, who is voluntarily resident, or who is carrying on business in hostile territory is to be regarded, and treated, as an alien enemy and is in the same position as a subject of hostile nationality resident in hostile territory."

PRODUCE OF LAND

And in *The Astorian*, (1916) P. per Sir Samuel Evans, on page 153, we find the statement—

"The simple fact upon which the decision of the court depends is that the goods claimed were the produce of land owned or

held by the claimants in an enemy country."

The Chinese courts however were dealing, not with the property of the company in Shan Tung, but with its incorporation in China. It has not been suggested, nor is it arguable, that the company is incorporated elsewhere than in China or otherwise than by the law of China.

But, as Palmer says in his *Company Law*, 16th edition, at page 45—

"A corporation, is not, like a partnership or a family, a mere collection or aggregation of individual units. It is, in contemplation of law, a person distinct from the members or shareholders who are interested in it—a metaphysical entity—a convenient fiction of law, but with no physical existence. As Lord Selborne said (*G. E. Rail. Co. v. Turner*, 8 Ch. App. 152): 'The company is a mere abstraction of law'."

And Dicey, 6th edition, at page 136, says—

"The domicile of a corporation is the place considered by law to be the centre of its affairs which, (1) in the case of a trading corporation is its principal place of business, i.e. the place where the administrative business of the corporation is carried on..."

and in paragraph (4) of his comment on this rule—

FURTHER DIFFERENCE

"There is this further essential difference between the domicile of a natural person and the domicile of a corporation. The domicile of a human being is a fact which, on certain points, subjects him to the law of a particular country. The domicile of a corporation is a fiction suggested by the fact that a corporation is, on certain points, e.g., the jurisdiction of the Courts, subject to the law of a particular country. Hence a corporation may very well be considered domiciled, or resident, in a country for one purpose and not for another, and hence, too, the great uncertainty as to the facts which determine the domicile, or residence, of a corporation. In each case the particular question is not whether a corporation has in reality a permanent residence in a particular country, but whether, for certain purposes (e.g., submission to the jurisdiction of the Courts, or the situs of its shares, or liability to taxation), a corporation is to be considered as resident in England, or in some other country."

It seems therefore that for some purposes the domicile of this company may be in enemy territory, that is, the occupied Province of Shan Tung, but for the purposes of its incorporation its domicile remains in the country of its incorporation, at least so long as Chinese law is the ordinary civil law of the Province of Shan Tung.

That, at least, is the view which has apparently been taken by the Chinese courts. It accords with the principle that a corporation can only be dissolved in the country of its incorporation. Have the appellants shown any ground for departure from or modification of this principle in the present case?

STRONGEST VIEW

The strongest view put forward in support of the argument that Chinese jurisdiction is suspended

in Shan Tung is a passage in Halleck's International Law, published in 1878, Volume II, page 462, para. 14—

"The duty of allegiance is reciprocal to the duty of protection. The sovereignty of the state which is thus unable to protect its territory is displaced and that of the conqueror substituted in its stead."

In regard to allegiance, that is, the lawful obedience which a subject is bound to render to his sovereign, Halleck is obviously referring to a local allegiance only, like that which an alien owes to the sovereign of the country in which he may be. In this regard he goes on to say—

"But this change of sovereignty may be only of a temporary character, for the conquered territory may be recaptured by the former owner or it may be restored to him by a treaty of peace. During mere military occupation the sovereignty of the conqueror is unstable and incomplete. Hence the allegiance of the inhabitants of the territory so occupied is a temporary and qualified allegiance which becomes complete only on the confirmation of the conquest and with the express or implied consent of the conquered."

RIGHTS OF INVADER

While the modern text-book writers, whose works have been freely quoted to us, consider that an invader has for the time being absolute authority in occupied territory, nowhere do they suggest that the rights of the invader enable him to do more than the military situation requires. And they clearly show that interference with the civil administration of occupied territory is limited to military necessity.

But military necessity cannot justify the voluntary acts of private persons, and so cannot warrant the refusal by the members of this company to obey the lawful order of a Chinese court. We cannot assume without any evidence that the Japanese authorities have interfered, or would interfere, to keep this company alive in spite of itself or against the will of its members, or that those authorities would do anything to prevent the members of the company resorting to the Chinese court, as they have in fact done here. This is strictly in accordance with Article XXIII (h) of The Hague Regulations, which declares that it is especially forbidden—

"to declare abolished, suspended or inadmissible in a court of law the private claims of resortants of the hostile party."

In Halleck, at page 449, we find the statement, with regard to the suspension of political but not municipal laws, that—

"Neither the civil nor the criminal jurisdiction of the conquering state is considered in international law as extending over the conquered territory during military occupation."

DISTINCTLY MILITARY

The position is put comprehensively by Oppenheim (5th edition), at page 349—

"The administration of the occupant is in no wise to be compared with ordinary administration, for it is distinctly and precisely military administration."

page 345—

"The principle underlying these modern rules is that, although the occupant in no wise acquires

sovereignty over such territory through the mere fact of having occupied it, he actually exercises for the time being a military authority over it."

"The British and American interpretation of Article XXIII (h) of The Hague Regulations is that it prohibits an occupant of enemy territory from declaring extinguished, suspended or unenforceable in a court of law the rights and the rights of action of the inhabitants; and Article XXIII provides that the occupant must respect, unless absolutely prevented, the laws in force in the country. There is no doubt that an occupant may suspend the judges as well as other officials. However, if he does suspend them he must temporarily appoint others in their place. If they are willing to serve under him, he must respect their independence according to the laws of the country. He has, however, no right to constrain the courts to pronounce their verdicts in his name, although he need not allow them to pronounce verdicts in the name of the legitimate government."

CHINESE COURT ORDER

It is true that the Japanese in Shan Tung need not aid in executing the order of the Chinese court. But that can have no effect on the decision or make it any less binding or less worthy of respect in the courts of a friendly country.

It is not necessary for me to consider what would happen if the Japanese authorities were to interfere to prevent the execution of the order of the Chinese courts. In that case no doubt the decision in *De Jager v. Attorney General of Natal*, (1907) A.C. 326, would apply and the dissolution of the company would be suspended temporarily in Shan Tung or wherever the administration was in Japanese hands, but not elsewhere.

It has been said in this case that the Chinese courts, in making their order, have purported to exercise extra-territorial jurisdiction in Shan Tung. That however is not the case. The Chinese courts were dealing with a company incorporated in China, not in Shan Tung, which has no separate law of its own, and there is nothing in this case to show that, except where for special purposes the company is treated as an enemy, its character is in any way altered by the Japanese occupation. If it were otherwise, indeed, the company would automatically have ceased to exist as a company, except for the purposes of winding up, upon the military occupation of Shan Tung by the Japanese. Chinese law could not operate there to keep the company alive, for China would have no jurisdiction. That argument pursued to its logical conclusion would defeat its object, for the association of persons who were formerly bound together by a nexus of corporation would automatically cease to be so bound in Shan Tung, and the question that would then arise would be—

"... whether the association is not to be treated here as an association or partnership of natural persons whose relations inter se are to be found in the articles of association of the company and are to be ascertained no doubt with reference to the *lex loci contractus*, but which is nevertheless an association whose existence is not terminated by the death of the for-

eign corporation but continues for the purpose of winding up its affairs so far as this country has control over the persons and the assets within its jurisdiction."

(per Lord Wrenbury, in *Russian Commercial and Industrial Bank v. Comptoir d'Escompte de Mulhouse*, (1925) A.C. at page 148.)

CORPORATE POWERS

Its corporate powers, if not its corporate existence, would "have been destroyed in its country of origin" (per Maughan, J., in *Russian Bank for Foreign Trade*, (1933) 1 Ch. 745, at page 764).

It is further contended that it is not just and equitable that the company be wound up. It is sought to justify the act of the company in making a contract of agency, which is forbidden, and penal by the law of China, on the ground that the place, not the country, where the company carries on business is now occupied by the Japanese. The authority under which it is said that the company has appointed the Dalren Kisen Kaisha its agents in relation to the assets of the company now in Hongkong is as follows—

"APPOINTMENT"

I the undersigned do hereby appoint The Dalren Kisen Kaisha as agent with the following powers:—

With regard to the six steamers 'Sheng Lee', 'Mao Lee', 'An Lee', 'Eng Lee', 'Hsin Lee' and 'Feng Lee' now lying in Hongkong, the Agent's firm is to do all the affairs which are necessary."

Dated the 20th day of 1st month in the 14th year of Chiu Wo (20th January 1939).

Dalren, Kanbu-Dori, 39.

Ching Kee Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

Signed and Chopped:
Chang Pen Chin,
President."

TERMS OF ARRANGEMENT

We are not told what the terms of the arrangement between the company and the Dalren Kisen Kaisha are.

Argument has proceeded on the assumption, not that the parties in coming to that arrangement intended any law other than the law of China to apply, but that, because the centre of administration of the company is now in Japanese hands, the company could therefore do as it liked regardless of Chinese law.

The only addition to the argument on this point which was not before the learned Chief Justice is that the principle enunciated by Lord Halsbury in *In re Missouri Steamship Company*, 42 Ch.D., at page 336, and approved in *The TORNI*, (1932) P.27, was not affected by the decision in *Vita Food Products Incorporated v. Unus Shipping Company*, (1939) A.C. 227, where it was held that the omission to include in a bill of lading a statement required by an enactment of the Newfoundland legislature did not make the bill of lading illegal. One of the terms of the contract was—"This contract shall be governed by English law."

VALIDITY OF CONTRACT

The question here is not whether the contract of agency is valid by the law of any particular place, but whether the making of such a contract by the directors is a proper exercise of their powers. The real object of the contract is not so much to enable the company to

trade, for that it could do by itself were it not for the war, or by a neutral firm were it not for the same reason, but to put its ships and business in Hongkong in the hands of an enemy firm. The ships would still fly the Chinese flag but would have Japanese crews. The branch of the company in Hongkong would be controlled by Japanese and would be Chinese in name only. Such a change in the conduct of the business, it is safe to say, was never contemplated by the constitution of the company. The purpose of the contract of agency is illegal by the law of China and could not have been one of the purposes for which the company was incorporated; it is a ground for dissolution of the company by the Chinese courts.

The respondents, it seems to me, are amply justified in asking that the Hongkong branch of the company be wound up, on the grounds of justice and equity. They have every reason for saying that the directors have exceeded their powers and, in the conduct of the company's affairs, have forfeited the confidence of the respondents.

NO ALTERNATIVE LAW

In this case we are faced as regards the dissolution of the company in China with no alternative law but the law of China and no alternative court but the courts of China. There is no problem here, as there was in *The Bank of Ethiopia v. National Bank of Egypt and Liguori*, L.R. (1937) Ch.D. 513, of a *de facto* government. A Chinese court duly appointed according to the law of China has ordered the dissolution of the company. The onus is on the appellants to show that that court had no jurisdiction. Their argument is based, firstly, on the military occupation of Chefoo, where the jurisdiction of the invader is limited to military necessity, and secondly, on the fact that the company for some purposes is deemed to have acquired an enemy character. They have failed to discharge that onus and failed altogether to show that a corporation cannot be dissolved at any time in the courts of the country of its incorporation. There are in addition equitable grounds on which the branch in Hongkong may be wound up.

In my view this appeal must be dismissed with costs.



SOVIET PLANS TO PREVENT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FROM REACHING FINLAND

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Reports from both Copenhagen and Stockholm state that the Soviets staged one of their most ambitious air raids on Wednesday on the town of Tornaa, at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Twenty planes are said to have bombed the outskirts of the town and two were shot down. The railway bridge a few miles to the east of Tornaa is said to have been damaged.

If this is so, the Finns will be deprived of a valuable means of supply, from Sweden.

Leningrad-Murmansk Railway Cut

HELSINKI, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The cutting of the Leningrad-Murmansk Railway line was officially confirmed in Finnish Military despatches yesterday. The railway line, according to the despatches, was badly damaged and virtually put out of action by daring Finnish ski-troops aided by the revived Finnish Air Force.

Finnish aeroplanes also bombed Soviet air bases on the Estonian Islands of Dagö and Oesel, recently "leased" to the Soviets under the terms of the Soviet-Estonian Pact. Much damage was done and it is understood that among the planes taking part in the raid were some of the fifty Spitfires and twenty Savoia bombers which recently arrived from Britain and Italy.

It is not known whether these planes were also used in the attacks on Leningrad-Murmansk Railway, the cutting of which is termed a "Crushing Blow" to Soviet Russia in Helsinki.

LONDON COMMENT

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Several official circles in London, commenting on the cutting of the Leningrad-Murmansk Rail line, say that it is probable that the Soviets will abandon the railway as a means of conveying provisions to Russian troops on the Polar Front and concentrate on using motor lorries along the small highways to the far north.

MORE DETAILS

HELSINKI, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—More details of how the Finns routed the Soviets at Suomussalmi a few days ago became available yesterday.

The Finns had no artillery available and so operated in small groups. They first destroyed field kitchens, then supplies and then convoys, eventually attacking almost starving Soviet troops. The Finns have now turned a large number of captured Soviet tanks to good use. The tanks are half-sunk into the ground and make excellent pill-boxes.

LEAFLETS DROPPED

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—There was aerial activity by both the Finns and Soviets yesterday.

The Helsinki correspondent to a Swedish paper reports that Finnish planes flew over Leningrad on Wednesday and dropped leaflets, containing the speech of the Finnish Foreign Minister to M. Molotov. Other leaflet planes flew over the Soviet lines on the Karelian Isthmus and dropped pamphlets telling of the good treatment the Finns gave their prisoners.

The leaflets include photographs showing prisoners wearing warm clothes and also showed Russian planes which had been shot down and captured, Russian tanks and other war material.

FIGHTING QUALITIES

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Praise for the magnificent fighting qualities displayed by Finnish soldiers was given in a leading article in The Times yesterday.

There are a number of contributing factors on the Soviet side which materially assisted the Finns, the paper goes on. M. Stalin, in the first place, is militarily incompetent and miscalculated.

Russians lying close to Finland would obviously be more able to endure the weather conditions prevailing there than those from other parts of Soviet Russia. But they suffered from the usual difficulty, that Russian soldiers do not like to attack their neighbours; hence troops from other parts of the country had to be used.

Then, again, M. Stalin, for political reasons, destroyed a large number of his best professional officers and, finally, Russian soldiers, who had been raised in a belief in God and their country, have now been shown of those ideals.

This raid raises the question of where the Soviet planes came from. The nearest large Soviet town is Murmansk and the outward and home journey from Murmansk is 680 miles. From Leningrad a round-trip would be one of nearly 1,000 miles.

TEMPORARY BASES
It is possible, however, that the Soviets have established temporary air bases on the frozen Lakes near their lines on the Central Front.

The Soviets also bombed Oulu (Uleaborg), an important railway town on the Gulf of Bothnia, some sixty to seventy miles south. These raids are believed to be part of the new Soviet plan to attack railways and harbours in order to hinder foreign assistance to Finland.

SOVIET-GERMANY MILITARY PACT?

BERN, Jan. 5 (Havas)—Swiss papers' correspondents on Berlin report that Germany's attitude in regard to the Finns-Russian conflict is the main object of comment in neutral circles in the Reich's capital. So far no official statement has been issued, and Nazi officials are highly reticent.

However, the Basler Nachrichten correspondent learnt from authoritative sources that Germany considers that a country in which Frenchmen or British fight, even as volunteers, must be considered the Reich's enemy.

SPANISH CASE
The same circles rejected a comparison with Spain's case, where the German Condor Legion fought, declaring that the Spanish War was a civil not an international conflict.

The correspondent could not obtain a clear statement as regards Germany's attitude towards Sweden and Norway, should these countries facilitate the transit of British and French volunteers.

MILITARY ALLIANCE
Meanwhile, some neutral quarters wonder if Germany will not take advantage of the Soviet's present difficulties for imposing on Moscow a military alliance to which the Soviet is far reluctant.

SEVERE CRITICISM OF DISCIPLINE IN THE IRISH ARMY: CO-OPERATION WITH BRITAIN URGED

DUBLIN, JAN. 5 (REUTER)—SPEAKING IN THE EIRE SENATE YESTERDAY, PROFESSOR MICHAEL TIERNEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED AT THE RAID ON THE MAGAZINE IN PHOENIX PARK. IT WAS PATENT TO ANYBODY FAMILIAR WITH WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE ARMY THAT THINGS WERE BAD.

Discipline was undermined and there were irregularities which would never be permitted in any ordinary army.

Professor Tierney urged the formation of a National Government and said that unless the two principal parties in Eire came to some arrangement, they would find that the country had no use for either of them or for Parliamentary institutions.

CO-OPERATION URGED
General Richard Mulcahy urged co-operation between the Govern-

OPINION DIVIDED

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The New York Times says it is fairly well established in diplomatic circles in Washington that a wide division of opinion exists between Nazi leaders regarding the policy towards Finland. Herr von Ribbentrop is said to advocate active aid for the Soviet, while Field-Marshal Goering vigorously opposes such a course.

The New York Times also states that Germany is holding up and submitting to a Prize Court three Finnish vessels bound for the United States with cargoes of woodpulp, and adds that many of the thirty-seven Finnish vessels recently bound for America with woodpulp were held up in Germany for several weeks.

Strength Of Nazi War Economy

LONDON, Jan. 5 (BWS)—The announcement of Field Marshal Goering's appointment as dictator of German war economy is the subject of editorial comment. The representative view is that the announcement satisfactorily disposes of speculative rumours of the Field Marshal's "disgrace."

The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial appreciative of German powers of organisation, issues a warning against "under-estimating the strength of German war economy" and goes on to deprecate the attitude which dwells too confidently on the hardship and embarrassments of the enemy compared with the vastly superior economic resources of Britain and France, and makes the point that such resources will only avail if their organisation is tackled courageously by the authorities.

In particular, it urges the necessity of recognising exports as a vital part of Britain's war effort. It would be an error to underestimate the value to the Nazi war strength of economy deliberately built for war.

Triangular Conference

ITALY, HUNGARY AND GERMANY

ROME, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Persistent rumours are circulating in well-informed unofficial circles that a triangular conference may be held between Count Ciano Italian Foreign Minister, and M. Csaky, Foreign Minister of Hungary who is at present visiting Italy, and German statesman.

NAZI REPRESENTATIVE
Field-Marshal Goering, Dr. Goebbels and Herr von Ribbentrop are mentioned as the possible German representatives.

Rumours of a visit by Field-Marshal Goering were current last night, but confirmation was unobtainable.

It is said that it will be practically certain that Count Ciano will go to Venice to meet M. Csaky. Authoritative circles believe that if the conference becomes triangular, the problem of how to keep Soviet Russia on her own side of the Carpathians will stand in the forefront of the discussions.

China's Huge Capacity For Recovery

CUSTOMS REVENUE SURPRISE

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Hopes that serious efforts may shortly be made towards securing some settlement of the sino-Japanese war, were responsible for the sharp upward movement of Chinese bonds yesterday.

SMALL DECLINE

It is realised that the potential recovery capacity of China in such an event must be large, especially as the latest returns of custom revenues issued by the Chinese Embassy indicate a relatively small real decline in China's receipts for 1939, compared with last year.

Many financial quarters, who were prepared for a much greater decline, are now wondering whether if China can secure such a large custom revenue with many of her legitimate trade outlets closed, she might not provide a spectacular commercial recovery were normal trading conditions are restored.

MUNICIPAL REVENUE

CHUNGKING, Jan. 5 (Int'l)—According to the Finance Bureau of the Municipal Government, the revenue of the city has greatly increased.

The bureau collected \$320,000 in December alone, which was almost double the average revenue of the preceding months.

BRITISH ENVOY'S PREDICTION OF NAZI PLANS

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (Havas)—Addressing the Foreign Policy Association in Chicago, the British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, stated: "Everything leads us to believe that the Reich will seek, during the first days of spring, to impose a final decision on the Allies by a terrific air, land and sea offensive, in which it will be using all its resources."

GOERING'S BOAST

"Field-Marshal Goering declared a fortnight ago that Germany today must conquer the World Empire or perish. That is why the Allies believe that Nazi Germany, and not Communist Russia, is the centre of the war."

"We and France are physically and morally ready for whatever may come."

BRITAIN ASSURES U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The British Government has given an assurance to the U.S. Government that "in the most exceptional circumstances" German exports will be allowed to reach their destination.

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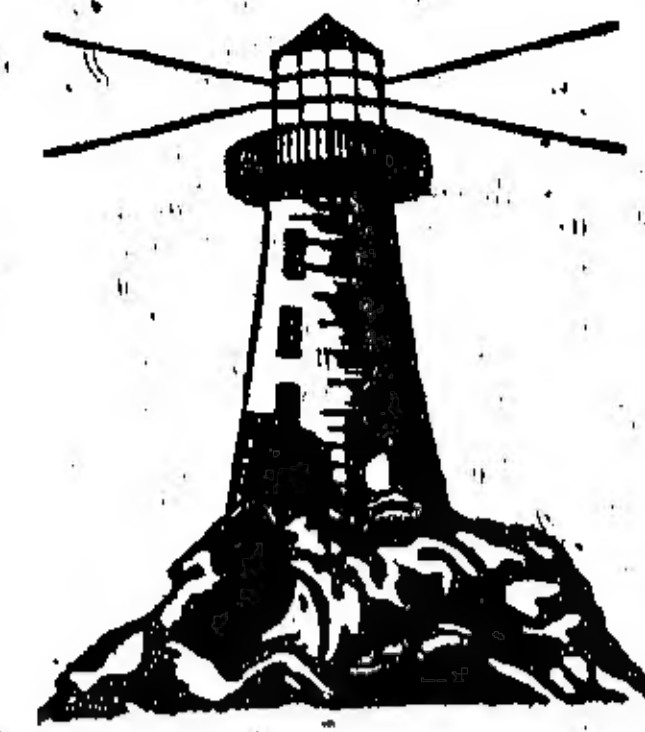
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Jumped From Steamer With Lifebelt On

RESCUE OF H.K. STUDENT

SHANGHAI, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—How a well-dressed young Chinese deck passenger was rescued on New Year's Day from drowning by the crew of the Butterfield and Swire steamer Tsinan was told when the vessel arrived from Hongkong yesterday.

At 2 p.m. on New Year's Day, the Chinese was seen to leap overboard by fellow passengers who quickly gave the alarm. The steamer swung around and a boat was lowered.

VERY EXHAUSTED

When rescued the Chinese was very exhausted owing to the icy cold water. In reply to questions he stated that his name was Lee Chung-kwong, aged 22, a student of Hongkong.

The ship's officers commented: "Evidently he did not try very hard to kill himself for he jumped overboard in broad daylight and with a lifebelt on."

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PRACTICAL AID FOR TURKISH QUAKE VICTIMS

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Great sympathy for the Turkish earthquake and flood disaster was expressed in practical forms in many countries.

In Britain, in addition to a £25,000 cash donation from the British Government, a similar fund, under the chairmanship of Lord Lloyd, has been started to raise subscriptions for relief work.

The High Commissioner of Palestine and the French Commander-in-Chief have sent large numbers of tents and medical supplies for refugees from the quake and flood areas.

The King of Afghanistan has given £2,000.

JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Five members of the Japanese Trade Delegation arrived here from Tokyo and were welcomed by a large number of Soviet officials, including the Deputy Commissar of Foreign Trade. Talks are scheduled to start on Sunday.

The delegation will visit the Kremlin with the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow today for a conversation with M. Molotov.

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The Japanese trade delegates who arrived in Moscow yesterday are being received by M. Molotov today.

GERMAN TANKER SEIZED IN U.S.

BOSTON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—A German tanker which has been tied up here since the beginning of the war has been seized by the United States authorities.

The detention is understood to be the result of an action brought by a former officer of the vessel for wage arrears.

"PEACE" POSTERS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Posters issued by the "Fourth Route Peace and National Salvation Army," one of the armed forces to be under the new Central Government, appeared on the outside roads areas this morning.

They read, "Down with British and American Imperialism." "Down with White Plotters." Drive out all White Men."

Biggest Rise In National U.S. Income

WASHINGTON, JAN. 5 (REUTER)—IN THE COURSE OF A REVIEW ON U.S. FISCAL POLICY, IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT POINTED OUT THAT THE DELIBERATE USE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO ENERGISE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAD PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INCOMES.

The national income in four years had risen by sixty-nine per cent, the biggest rise for any similar period in history.

MORE EMPLOYMENT

Work and progress administration will be enabled to provide employment for an average of 135,000 people. Farm security administration will operate on about eighty per cent. of last year's level. Relief expenditure will be closely geared to actual needs, but if the present hopes are disappointed, revised estimates might be submitted later in the session.

EXPENDITURE

Replying to the criticism of public debt, President Roosevelt pointed out that there were durable and tangible assets constructed or purchased by the Government, though these had never yet been listed.

Expenditure estimates include nearly \$150,000,000 on construction of merchant shipping.

One of the largest army construction items is of \$1,284,000 for barracks in Hawaii.

The President did not tell Congress how to raise the proposed new defence taxes, but suggested that they should follow the principle of taxing according to ability to pay and to avoid taxes which decrease the consumers' buying power.

It is generally believed that this outlaws the excise taxes and suggests the possibility of higher income taxes.

N.Z. CENTENARY

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The British Government's representative to the New Zealand Centenary celebrations, Lord Willington, left London today.

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CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: PRIEST AND ASTRONOMER

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST TO THE INFANT CHRIST AND THEIR ADORATION OF HIM. The name means "manifestation," for the occasion is regarded as the manifestation of Christ to the world beyond the town of Bethlehem.

The story of the visit of the Wise Men led by a star is told very simply in the Gospel of St. Matthew, but it is one that naturally lent itself to many legends, and it is impossible to separate what is valid tradition from what was merely later embellishment.

NO PROOF

The Magi are now commonly represented as three in number, and kings, but there is no proof of either of these facts. It seems fairly probable that they came from Persia or from some other part of the Parthian empire, and that they belonged to the priestly caste. It is impossible to know how long after the birth of Christ they came to Him.

A journey from Persia would have been over a thousand miles and this could not have taken less than three months by camel, while allowing for the ordinary conditions of travel of the time, it might have taken twelve months. If therefore the star which they saw appeared at the time of Christ's birth, Christ would have been several months old at the time of their visit.

It was possibly as a result of calculations made on the particular stars which they saw that Herod decided to put to death the children up to two years of age. The religion of the Magi has as its successor in our day that of the Parsees.

PRIEST & ASTRONOMER
In the courtyard of the Palace of the Chancellery there is a bust of Fr. Secchi, one of the great astronomers of the last century. He was a Jesuit and was still engaged in his studies when the Roman Revolution of 1848 made it necessary for all Jesuits to leave the city. He then spent some time in England, at Stonyhurst College and in America.

While in America he met Matthew F. Maury, the naval officer whose work on meteorology and ocean currents was epoch-making, and he made his discoveries known in Italy.

When he returned to Italy he used the instruments of the discarded Vatican Observatory to set up a new Observatory in the Roman College, and there he carried on his observations on star spectroscopy, the solar corona and terrestrial magnetism that marked considerable advance in all these branches of study.

His work was done under the patronage of Pope Pius IX, whose munificence enabled him to get the finest instruments then procurable. He was equally eminent in astronomy, meteorology and physics, and the amount of original work which he accomplished in various branches of science was phenomenal.

After the seizure of the Papal States by the Piedmontese in 1870 every effort was made to induce him to leave the service of the Pope for that of the new secular government of united Italy. He was offered the general supervision of all Italian observatories and the dignity of senator, with special exemption from the constitutional oath, but he refused.

The government permitted him to remain working quietly in his observatory and there he died a few years later.

CARDINAL & THE BIRDS
A writer on birds in a recent article tells that there was once in Rheims a jackdaw which sat by the Cardinal's chair, but there was once in Ireland a bird which sat on the Cardinal's shoulder. The cardinal was Cardinal Logue, who died in 1924. One day, having concluded his business with a visitor, he invited him to "Come now and see my friends."

They went into the garden. From every bush birds came flocking to the Cardinal, and many of them perched upon the old, bent shoulders. He had nicknames for them all and knew them apart as a shepherd knows his sheep.

"But the worst of it," he said, "I cannot read my breviary any more walking in the garden. They give me no peace. I cannot keep my mind from them."

RADIO PROGRAMMES

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TOMORROW

ELGAR CONCERTO FOR 'CELLO AND ORCHESTRA, OP. 85

"London's Relay"

10.30-11.30 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from the Union Church.

12.15 Compositions of Bach.

Prelude and Fugue No. 15 in F Sharp Major (from The Well-Tempered Clavier—Book 1); Fugue No. 12 in F Minor (from The Well-Tempered Clavier—Book 1)—Evelyn Howard-Jones (Piano). Dona Nobis Pacem (from "Mass in B Minor")—Philharmonic Choir and London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates. Concerto in A Minor for Violin and Orchestra—Bronislava Gold, Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Prelude and Fugue No. 11 in F Major; Prelude No. 12 in F Minor (from "The Well-Tempered Clavier"—Book 1)—Evelyn Howard-Jones (Piano). Fugue in G Minor (the "Little" G Minor Fugue)—Leonold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.45 Rale da Costa (Piano) and Orchestra—Mascotte.

Waitz—Women of Vienna (Joh. Strauss—arr. Hohnel)—Orchestra—Mascotte. Jazz Goblins (Rale da Costa)—Waitz Romantic (Rale da Costa)—Rale da Costa (Piano). Waitz—Dynamiden (Joh. Strauss—arr. Hohnel)—Orchestra—Mascotte. "Der Pflaumeis"—Selection (Strauss—arr. Grunfeld)—Rale da Costa (Piano). Valse Basque (Wittmann)—Waitz—Tidings of Spring (Eberle)—Orchestra—Mascotte.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 B.E.C. Recording—"London's River."

A programme devised and presented by William Maclure. Linking Dialogues by Valentine Dunn. Musical arrangements by Rae Jenkins.

2.15 Orchestra Selections.

Carnaval—Ballet Music (Schumann)—Roy Douglas—London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goetz. Overture "The Bartered Bride" (Smetana)—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

2.30 Close down.

7.00 Compositions of Mendelssohn.

"Ruy Blas"—Overture—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Song Without Words (F sharp minor, Op. 67, No. 2)—Ignaz Friedman (Piano). Three Folk Songs (Op. 41, Nos. 2, 3 and 4)—Chorus of Berlin Girls' Chorus. On Wings of Song—Gulla Bustabo (Violin) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

1.30 London Relay—The News.

1.40 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

2.05 A Light Orchestra Programme by Mark Weber and His Orchestra with Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

"March of the Grenadiers (film 'The Love Parade')—Dream Lover (film 'The Love Parade')—Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra. Blumenlied, Op. 39 (Lange, arr. Bluthgen); Luna Waltz (Lincke); Trees (Kluge)—Rachbach; By The Waters of Minnetonka (Cavanaugh)—Laurance—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment. Standchen (Heykens); Faithful Jumping Jack (Heykens)—Mark Weber and His Orchestra. Farewell To Dreams (Kahn-Romberg); Will You Remember? (film 'Maytime')—Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch. Japanese Lantern Dance (Yoshitomo); Chinese Street Serenade (Slide)—Mark Weber and His Orchestra. The Mountain (film 'Rose Marie')—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.

2.15 Studio—Talk on Current Topics.

9.05 Dukas—L'Apprenti Sorcier.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Elgar—Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra, Op. 85.

Beatrice Harrison (Cello) and the New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

9.35 Two Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

"There is No Death (O'Hara); The Lord is King (Dawson-McCall)—with Organ accompaniment by Herbert Dawson.

9.45 Handel—Concerto Grosso, No. 4, Op. 6.

The Boyd Neel String Orchestra conducted by Boyd Neel.

10.00 Choral.

Veneration of the Cross, Op. 27, No. 10 (Bachman)—A. Spottis Rose (Howells)—Westminster Abbey.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

JANUARY 7, 1940.

1st Sunday After Christmas.

8 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the Peak Church 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist.

Preacher: The Dean, 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose.

Children's Service: Cathedral, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service, Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School, Stanley Sunday School Room, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Weekdays—Holy Communion is celebrated on—Thursday at 7.30 a.m., Friday at 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese), Wednesday, Prayer for the sick, at 10.15 a.m.

Other Notices—January 8 10 a.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Committee Meeting, Cathedral Hall, January 10 10-12.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Committee Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m. Choir Practice (Boys), Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall, January 11 3.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship (Working Party), Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Scouts Meeting, Bishop's House, Lower Albert Road, January 12 5.30 p.m. Choir Practice, Cathedral.

ST. ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND KOWLOON)

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER SUNDAY EVENING CLUB

The following are the forthcoming services, etc. at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Sunday—Jan. 7—First Sunday after Trinity; Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and address at 11 a.m.; Preacher: The Rev. W. Stott; Evensong and address, 6.15 p.m.; Preacher: The Vicar. The Sunday evening Club open to everybody, will be held in the hall after this service; Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader: Mr. R. Baldwin.

WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday—Jan. 8, Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Fellowship of Youth, 6 p.m.; Teacher's Preparation Class, 7 p.m.; Beginning of the Universal week of Prayer, organised by the World's Evangelical Alliance with a service in the Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. These services will be held every day his week at the same time. Everyone is welcome; St. Andrew's Club "Open" Night, 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday—January 9 Women's Guild (2nd Tuesday) 10.30 a.m.; Mother's Union (Fortnightly) 3 p.m.; Browne Pack, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday—January 10 Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Fellowship New Year's Party in the Hall, 8 p.m.; Rover Scouts, 8.45 p.m.

Thursday—Jan. 11, Women's Fellowship, 3 p.m.; Boy Scouts 6 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Scavenging Hunt, 4.30 p.m.

Friday—Jan. 12, Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Full Choir Practice, 6.30 a.m.; The first of St. Andrew's popular Whist Drives will be held at 8.45 p.m. promptly; These will be held fortnightly until further notice. Admission 50 cents.

Saturday—Jan. 13, St. Andrew's Club Ladies Hockey first team v. Rovers at 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Ladies Hockey second team v. F.M.C.A. at 3 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

CHILDREN'S TOY SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Jan. 7th, 1st Sunday after Epiphany.

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Children's Toy Service (Gifts of Toys from the children will be given to the Tai Po Rural Orphanage.)

10.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist.

11.00 a.m. Mandarin Service.

6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, Jan. 10—Wolf Cubs meet at 4.30 p.m. 3 Duke St.

Thursday, Jan. 11—Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m., Guild of Martha and Mary Committee Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Special Choir conducted by Dr. E. Bullock. Unaccompanied. Tu Es Petrus, (Peters); Benedictus, (Peters); St. John's, Unaccompanied.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epiphany.

Epiphany—Redemption—1. The broken image of Heaven. Conducted by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

11.00 Close down.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches tomorrow will be "God."

The Golden Text will be:—"Ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else." (Joel 2:27).

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services, and to visit the Reading Room.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Causeway Road.

First Sunday After Epiphany—The Holy Family Morning Services: 1st Mass at 6 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass at 8 High Mass, followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 3.30 Catechetical Instruction, at 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Thursday—At 5.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

ROSAIRY CHURCH

The following are the forthcoming services, etc.

Saturday, Epiphany of Our Lord. (Holiday of Obligation). Low Masses at 6.30; 7.30 (Choral), 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 p.m. Sunday—1st Sunday after Epiphany. At 6.30 Mass with sermon in Chinese. 7.30 Mass with sermon in English with General Communion for the Children of Mary. At 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese. 9.30 Mass with sermon in English followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 2 p.m. Catechetical Instruction in Chinese. At 2.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday—Meeting of the Children of Mary at 6 p.m. Tuesday—Meeting of the Children of Mary (Chinese Section) at 5.30 p.m. Wednesday—Meeting of the C.C.Y.L.A. at 5.30 p.m. Thursday—Meeting of the Catholic Ladies Association at 11 a.m. Friday—Meeting of the Men-Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer at 8 p.m. On week-days: Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.

At the St. Paul's Chapel (185 Portland Street, Mong Kok): On Saturday (8th Jan.)—Mass at 6 a.m. On Sunday (7th Jan.)—Mass with sermon in Chinese at 6 a.m. Evening Prayers, sermon in Chinese and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Jan. 6—Saturday: The Epiphany of Our Lord. A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 6.30, 7.30 10 a.m.; All Catholic Associations have General Communion at 7.30 Mass; At 5 p.m. Monthly Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis; At 6 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Jan. 7—1st Sunday after Epiphany: 6.30, Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 Holy Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days: Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Saturday: Epiphany of Our Lord. (Holiday of Obligation). Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m. 7th January: First Sunday after Epiphany. First Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m. Second Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday School for Children at 3 p.m. On week days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East, (Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, Bus No. 5 or 5A).

Sunday, Preachers: Morning—Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Evening—Rev. E. Morston, Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service at 10.15 a.m. (This will be followed by the Annual Covenant Service with Holy Communion). Hymn No. 959, Prayer, Hymn No. 607, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 958, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 427, Sermon. Hymn No. 810, Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn No. 21, Prayer, Hymn No. 101, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 811, Sermon, Hymn No. 528, Benediction.

NOTICES

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at S. & S. Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club is meeting at S. & S. Home on Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. The Ladies' Church Aid Society will hold the annual meeting on Tuesday 3 p.m. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at S. & S. Home on Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The L.C.A. is holding a Mah-jongg Drive on Wednesday, January 17, 3 p.m.

EMMANUEL MISSION CHURCH

218, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Sunday, 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, 11 Morning Service. Preacher, Rev. O.F. Peskett, 2.45 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes, 7.30 Song Service, 8 Evening Service.

Monday, 7.30 p.m. S.A.C.A. 8 Bible Study Circle at 792 Nathan Road, 1st floor, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese adults, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 218 Nathan Road, 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Friday, 8 p.m. Bible Study Circle at 3, Ho Man Tin Street, top floor.

All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

A heifer broke loose in Romsey cattle market, Hampshire, charged into the Baptist Church, and raced up and down the aisle. Cattlemen roped it and got it back to the pens.

Caught red-handed while extracting a letter from a letter box in Queen Victoria Street, an unemployed youth, Man Lau, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday.

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Pte. Arthur Charles Thomas Williams, of the Army Medical Store, Matsukok, was married at the Registry, Supreme Court, to Miss Cecilia Delores Loring, of No. 520, Nathan Road.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, and the witnesses were Mr. Ng Chor-fan, the celebrated Chinese screen star, and Mr. H. W. Milne.

Another Registry marriage, yesterday was that between Mr. Lin Poon-leung, Chinese medical doctor, of No. 25, Fuk Wing Street, and Miss Cheng Sau-han, of No. 188, Canal Road West.

FONG-KUO

A wedding of considerable interest was solemnised at Hotel Cecil yesterday when Miss Kuo Yuen Man, daughter of Mr. Kuo Shui Shang of Chungking, became the bride of Mr. Fong Chao Kai, brother of Mr. C. H. Fang, manager of Inter-Continent China, Ltd.

The bride was beautifully attired in white satin, and was attended by Miss Jeanny Liu as bridesmaid. The duties of best man were discharged by Mr. S. T. Wong, while Master Chui and Miss Fang Min Min acted respectively as flower girl and page boy. Mr. K. S. Liu, acting manager of South West Transportation Co., witnessed the ceremony.

Dinner was subsequently served at the same hotel where more than 300 guests including many Chinese government officials were present.

DARDANUS PILOT MARRIED

Captain J. N. Wilson, pilot of Imperial Airways, who was formerly flying for several years on the Hongkong Bangkok route, is understood to have been married several days ago in Singapore. He flew the R.M.A. Dardanus from Hongkong to Singapore last month where the craft will undergo an annual overhaul.

Further company orders necessitate Captain Wilson proceeding to London immediately. His wife, a former resident of Brisbane, Australia, will accompany him to England on Imperial Airways' service.

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on

Saturday, the 6th, January 1940

at 12 o'clock, Noon

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205.

"Cheung Muk Kan" Junk, Licence No. 3219 H. W. as she now lies in Shaikwan Harbour.

Terms: As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Monday the 8th, January 1940

commencing at 11.00 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Central, (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor).

For Account of the Concerned

50 Pieces Artificial Silk Goods

40 Pieces Poplin

(All More or Less Damaged).

also

8 Tins of Varnish

18 Cases of Auto Parts

and

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Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and others

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Monday, the 8th, January 1940

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con

Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 5, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 7/32	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 30s	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 2s 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 10s	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 1/3 7/32	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 4s 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 10s	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/4s	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 10s 3/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 4s 5/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 14s 1/2	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 15/16	
Bar Silver per oz. 21 5/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS

Silver prices dropped yesterday to the extent of 5/16 for Ready and 1/4 for Forward, the quotations being 21 5/16 and 21 1/2 respectively. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with buyers at 1/16 over the quoted rate. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York, cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 392 3/4.

Market eased off somewhat during the morning.

Sterling
There were sellers at the opening at 1/2 15/16 for January resulting in some business at 1/2 15/16 for Cash. The closing tone at 1 p.m. was sellers at 1/2 29/32 January and 1/2 7/8 February-March, buyers at 1/2 15/16 for Cash.

U. S. Dollars
Were on offer at the opening of the market at 24 7/8 with buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash. At lunch hour sellers were quoted at 24 3/8 Cash; 24 5/8 January and 24 1/4 February, buyers at 24 7/8 January, possibly Cash and 24 5/8 February.

Shanghai Dollars
Opened with sellers at 331. Subsequently the rate receded to 302. At 1 p.m. sellers were quoted at 304.

Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4 3/4. The market was steadier and subsequently rose to 4 29/32. At the close sellers for Spot were quoted at 4 7/8. U.S. Dollars sellers for Spot at the opening were quoted at 7 3/4. Subsequently the rate rose to 8 and at the close sellers for Spot were quoted at 7 31/32.

Market
The market was a shade easier in the afternoon.

Sterling
The market closed with sellers at 1/2 7/8 January-February, possibly March, buyers at 1/2 15/16 Cash and 1/2 29/32 February.

U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 24 5/8 January and 24 1/4 February, buyers at 24 7/8 Cash, 24 5/8 January and 24 5/8 February.

Shanghai Dollars
301 at the close.

Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers at 4 7/8 for Spot. Later the rate rose to 4 15/16. Towards the close sellers were quoted at 4 29/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers for Spot were quoted at 7 31/32 at the opening. Later the rate rose to 8 1/16 and at the close sellers for Spot were quoted at 8 1/16.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Jan. 5 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates	
London	0/4-1/4
New York	6-7/8
Japan	29-1/4
India	23-1/2
Paris	3.11
Hongkong	28-1/4

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-7/8	0/4-7/8
Jan.	0/4-27/32	0/4-27/32
Feb.	0/4-25/32	0/4-25/32
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	7-31/32	7-31/32
Jan.	7-29/32	7-29/32
Feb.	7-25/32	7-25/32

Market: Quiet but steady.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 5. JAN.

JAN.									
Bank									
\$1370	\$1380	\$854	H.K. Bank	\$1380	\$1380	\$854	H.K. Bank	\$1380	\$1380
		\$834	Do. (Col. Reg.)			\$834	Do. (Col. Reg.)		
		11/16	Chartered Bank			11/16	Chartered Bank		
		\$202	Mercantile Bks. "A"			\$202	Mercantile Bks. "A"		
		\$215	Mercantile Bks. "C"			\$215	Mercantile Bks. "C"		
		\$78	Bank of East Asia			\$78	Bank of East Asia		
			N. C. & S. Bank				N. C. & S. Bank		
			Insurance				Insurance		
\$200			Canton Insurance				Canton Insurance		
\$430	\$440		Union Insurance	80 cts.		\$440	Union Insurance		
		\$11	Underwriters				Underwriters		
		\$185	H.K. Fire				H.K. Fire		
			Shipping				Shipping		
\$72			Douglas				Douglas		
		\$11	Steamboat			\$11	Steamboat		
\$100			Indo-China (Pref.)				Indo-China (Pref.)		
\$80			Indo-China (Def.)				Indo-China (Def.)		
		\$173	Shells				Shells		
		\$74	Waterboats	\$7.40			Waterboats		
			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.		
		\$102	H.K. & K. Wharves			\$102	H.K. & K. Wharves		
		\$4.58	Providente			\$4.53	Providente		
			Providente (new)				Providente (new)		
\$21.65	\$21.30	\$170	H.K. & W. Docks	\$21.40		\$21.50	H.K. & W. Docks		
			Do. (new)				Do. (new)		
		\$314	Shanghai Docks S.				Shanghai Docks S.		
		\$18.80	New Engineering S.				New Engineering S.		
			Mining				Mining		
		17/8	Kailans				Kailans		
		\$104	Rauba				Rauba		
		\$4	Venezuela Gold Flds				Venezuela Gold Flds		
		4 cts.	Hong Kong Mines				Hong Kong Mines		
			Lands, Hotels and Buildings				Lands, Hotels and Buildings		
\$54	\$54		H.K. Hotels	\$5.15		\$5.25	H.K. Hotels		
		\$33	H.K. Lands	\$32.75		\$33	H.K. Lands		
		\$100	Do. 4% Debentures				Do. 4% Debentures		
		\$13	Shanghai Lands S.				Shanghai Lands S.		
\$4.35			H.K. Realities				H.K. Realities		
		\$8	Humphreys				Humphreys		
		\$101	Chinese Estates				Chinese Estates		
			Cotton Mills				Cotton Mills		
		\$284	Ewo (S.)				Ewo (S.)		
		\$150	S'hai Cottons (S.)				S'hai Cottons (S.)		
		\$44	Zong Sings (S.)			\$44	Zong Sings (S.)		
		\$484	Wing On Textiles (S.)				Wing On Textiles (S.)		
			Public Utilities				Public Utilities		
\$17.10	\$174		Tramways	\$17.10		\$174	Tramways		
		\$8	Park Trams (old)				Park Trams (old)		
		\$4	Park Trams (new)				Park Trams (new)		
\$232		\$384	Star Ferries	\$70		\$70	Star Ferries		
			Y-mat Ferries	\$232			Y-mat Ferries		
			Do. (new)				Do. (new)		
		\$7.60	China Lights (O)	\$74			China Lights (O)		
		\$4.80	China Lights (New)	\$4.70			China Lights (New)		
			China Lights Rte.				China Lights Rte.		
\$534	\$534		H.K. Electric	\$534			H.K. Electric		
		\$184	Macao Electric				Macao Electric		
\$11.10			Sandakan Light				Sandakan Light		
\$344	\$244		Telephones (old)	\$34			Telephones (old)		
\$9.10	\$9.10		Telephones (new)	\$9.10			Telephones (new)		
		18/3	Tracticons				Tracticons		
		18/9	Tracticons (pref.)				Tracticons (pref.)		
			Industrials				Industrials		
		\$14.94	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.				Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.		
		\$13	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.				Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.		
		\$1	Canton Low				Canton Low		
\$174			Cements				Cements		
\$5.90			Bopes			\$64	Bopes		
			Miscellaneous				Miscellaneous		
		\$214	Dairy Farm (Old)			\$21.75	Dairy Farm (Old)		
		\$212	Dairy Farm (New)	\$64			Dairy Farm (New)		
			Ch. F. Saimments				Ch. F. Saimments		
			Construction (old)				Construction (old)		
		\$1	Constructions (new)				Constructions (new)		
		\$74	Lane Crawfords				Lane Crawfords		
		\$1.80	Nanyang Tobacco				Nanyang Tobacco		
			Sincere				Sincere		
			Watsons				Watsons		
\$9.10	\$8.40	48/4	Ch. G. 5% 1925G B.Bds.			48/8	Ch. G. 5% 1925G B.Bds.		
		\$100	H.K. Govt. 4% Loans				H.K. Govt. 4% Loans		
		\$974	H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loans				H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loans		
		\$44	H.K. Wing On				H.K. Wing On		
			S'hai Wing On				S'hai Wing On		
		\$28	Vibro Piling				Vibro Piling		
		14/8	Marmans Inv. (H.K.)				Marmans Inv. (H.K.)		
		4/0	Marmans Inv. (Lon.)				Marmans Inv. (Lon.)		
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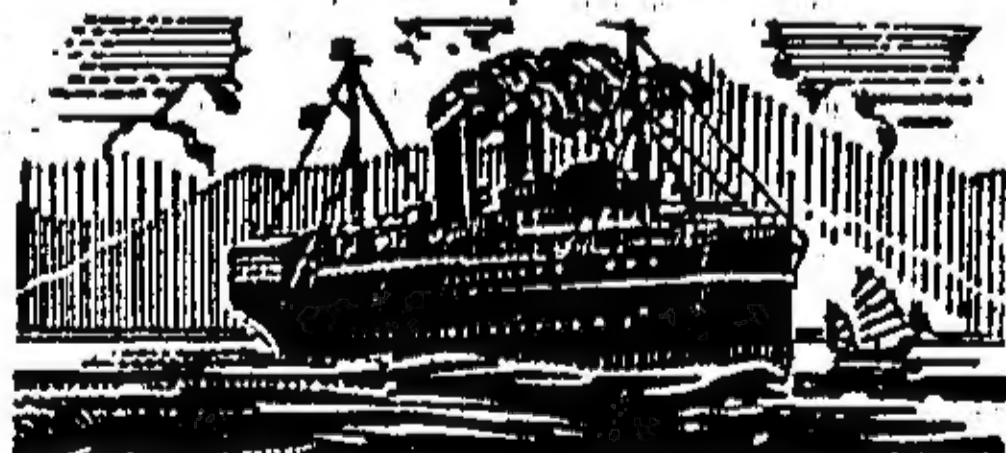
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Jan. 6.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.07 ins.
Temperature, 71 F.
Humidity, 80 per cent.
Wind Direction, CALM.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 0.
Temperature: maximum yesterday
72 F.
Temperature, minimum last night
63 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m.
today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st
nil.
Against an average of 0.11 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.04 a.m.
4 p.m. Jan. 6.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.94 ins.
Temperature, 72 F.
Humidity, 70 per cent.
Wind Direction, NW.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.
Maximum temperature, 75 F.
Minimum temperature, 63 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 6 to 13 Jan. 1940.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	6	h.m.	h.m.
		7.55	4.4
		19.08	7.0
Sun.	7	8.57	4.3
		19.51	7.4
Mon.	8	9.45	4.5
		20.34	7.5
Tue.	9	10.29	4.6
		21.15	7.6
Wed.	10	11.09	4.6
		21.46	7.5
Thur.	11	11.39	4.7
		22.19	7.4
Fri.	12	12.10	4.7
		22.45	7.1

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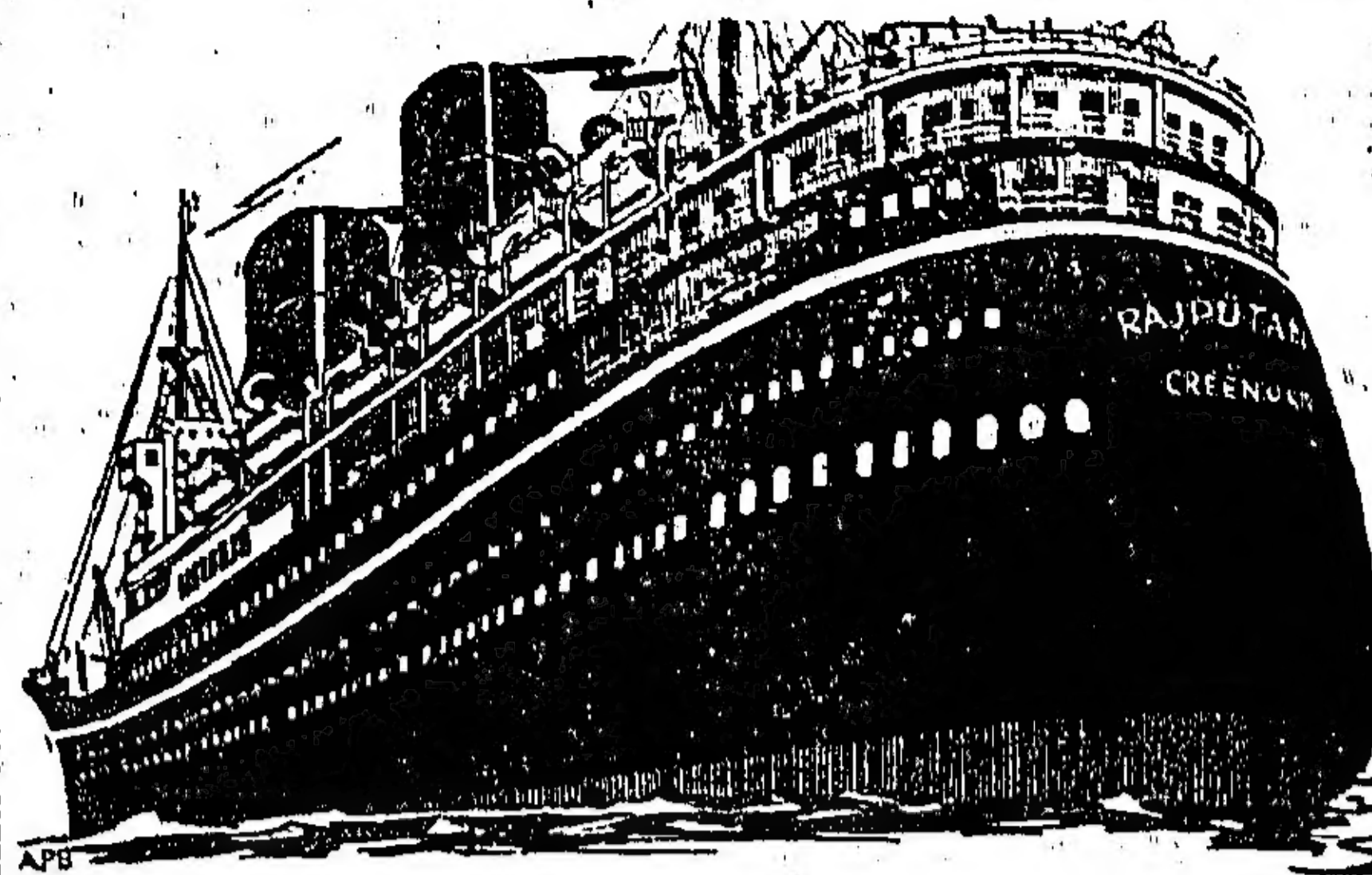
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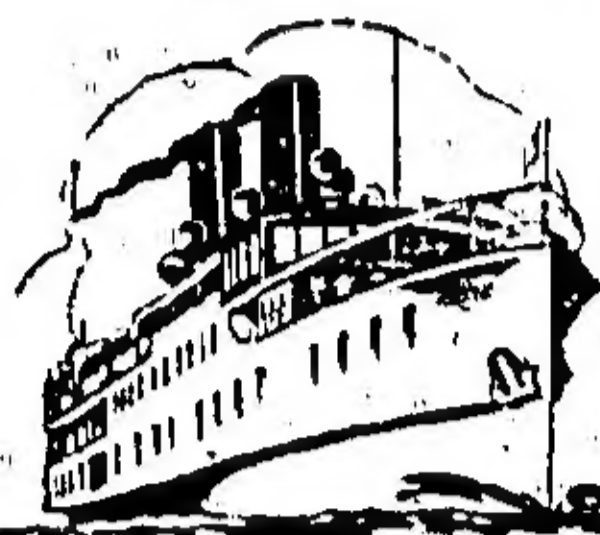
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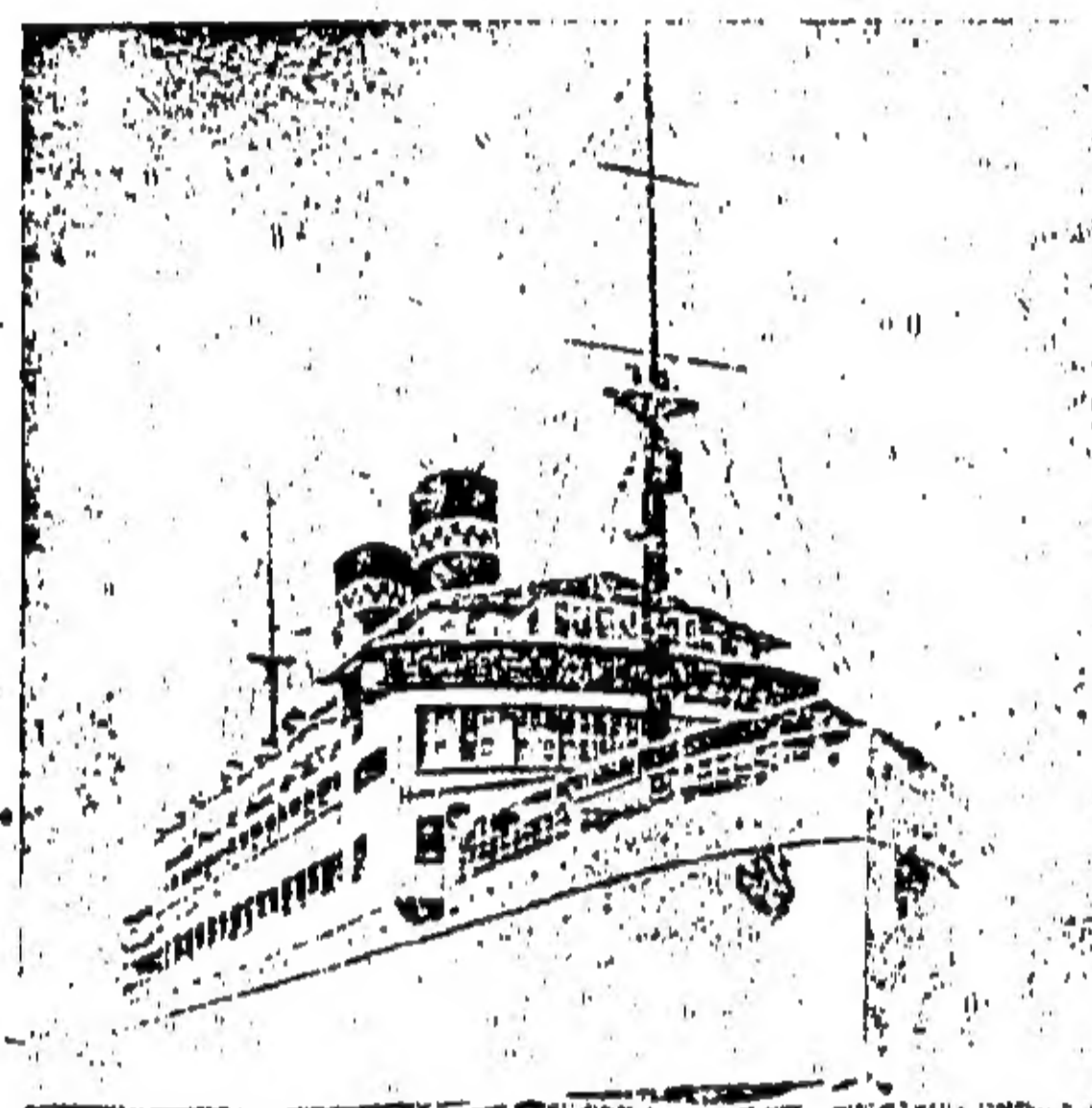


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ACCEPTANCES
FOR RED CROSS
STEEPLECHASE

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The following are the final acceptances for the Red Cross Steeplechase which will be run at Leopard's Town on January 20 (four miles 250 yards and valued at £3,000): Royal Danell (12 st. 7 lbs.), Southern Hero (12 st. 6 lbs.), Rockquilla (11 st. 12 lbs.), Drumlargin (11 st. 6 lbs.), Antipas (11 st. 6 lbs.), Hopeful (11 st. 6 lbs.), Arran Peaks (11 st. 6 lbs.), Golds Cleugh (10 st. 11 lbs.), Clare County (10 st. 8 lbs.), Shaunpaul (10 st. 8 lbs.), Ballyhooley (10 st. 7 lbs.), Birtch (10 st. 7 lbs.), Jack Chaucer (10 st. 6 lbs.), Sterling Duke (10 st. 6 lbs.), Young Mischief (10 st. 6 lbs.), Knockadoleen (10 st. 6 lbs.), Knight of Venturas (10 st. 6 lbs.), Dalmatian (10 st. 6 lbs.), Swindon Glory (10 st. 6 lbs.), Do It Again (10 st. 6 lbs.), Asthore (10 st. 6 lbs.), and the Lasher (10 st. 6 lbs.).

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB
TEAMS

The following team have been selected to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in matches for the coming week

"A" XI versus 2nd XI of Radio Sports Club on the Club Ground 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8.
H. W. Brown, W. G. Schnabel, J. W. Pennington, J. V. Steven, H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.), A. M. J. Wright, W. Spencer, G. D. Woolgar, E. F. A. Morgan, E. W. Bannister, I. P. Tamworth.

1st XI versus 1st XI Club de Reccre on the Club Ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond, E. V. Reed, N. B. M. Whitley, W. A. Bond, R. A. Bates, S. A. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), T. D. S. Whitley, B. I. Bickford.

AID FOR WOUNDED
FINNS

OSLO, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—Finland has ordered three hundred ski-sledges here to transport wounded.

Norway is presenting Finland with a further two-hundred ski-sledges.

Thirty doctors and numerous nurses have answered the Finnish appeal for medical assistance.

PORTUGAL HIT
BY FLOODS

LISBON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The floods which hit Portugal during the past two days are growing worse and large areas are now under water. Some fifty villages are submerged and hundreds of cattle have been lost.

SATURDAY'S
MENU

BREAKFAST

Pineapple
Cereal
Jelly Omelet
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Oyster Soup
Artichoke Salad
Baked Fish
Hashed Potatoes
Cauliflower au Gratin
String Beans
Raisin Pie
Tea

DINNER

Cream of Tomato Soup
Cold Slaw Salad
Prawn Cutlet
Mushroom Sauce
Baked Spinach
Fried Rice
Ginger Pudding
Coffee

Lady Veronica Brenda Hornby, sister of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court because of the misconduct of her husband, Mr. Roger Antony Hornby, whom she married in 1931. Her petition was not contested. Mr. Justice Bucknill exercised his discretion in favour of Lady Veronica and gave her the custody of the daughter of the marriage.

Mr. Allan Quartermaine has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Great Western Railway. He succeeds Mr. R. Carpmel, who retires.



M. Ismet Inonu, President of Turkey.

MUTINY OF
45 IRISH
PRISONERSSTEEL DOORS CUT
TO RAISE SIEGE

Plumbers with oxy-acetylene apparatus had to burn through barricaded steel doors during a mutiny of 48 prisoners in London-derry Prison on Christmas Day.

The prisoners, interned Irish Republican suspects, were going out for exercise when they suddenly attacked the warders who were opening their cells.

They overpowered three and took their keys. These warders and three prisoners who refused to take part in the mutiny were locked up.

Prisoners at the gaol are housed in 18 cells on a third storey corridor. The approach to this corridor is cut off by two steel doors while there is a third steel door across the middle of the corridor.

The prisoners locked these doors and barricaded them with cell furniture. They then set fire to their bedding and smashed every bit of furniture in their cells.

The siege was raised by plumbers who, with oxy-acetylene apparatus, burned their way through the barricaded steel doors.

FINAL STAND

Seizing bottles and boards studded with nails, the men then made a final stand in a cell. They surrendered only when firemen turned a hose on them through a porthole in the door.

When the mutiny broke out, District Inspector Stratford, the Londonderry Police Chief, was called from a Christmas morning service in the Cathedral. He rushed 40 police to the gaol.

A lorry-load of troops was also brought from military barracks.

Prisoners leaned out of cell windows and sang Republican songs and shouted Republican slogans to crowds passing through the street on their way to a football match. They also hung out a banner inscribed "England is the Champion of Freedom. Is this Freedom?"

On Boxing Day the mutineers were locked up in different cells whose windows overlook the prison yard instead of the street as formerly. All privileges were withdrawn from the prisoners, and visitors were barred from the prison.

SUGAR SUPPLIES
TO BE LIMITED

Retail sugar supplies will be based on an average consumption of 1lb per head weekly for all who have ration books.

This scheme of "voluntary rationing" has been arranged through the trade to straighten out difficulties in distribution which have caused shortages in outlying districts recently.

There is no shortage of imported or home-grown sugar, and the figure of 1lb per head is considered a fair average for household consumption.

If this voluntary rationing succeeds, enforced rationing may be delayed indefinitely. Restaurants state that they will be able to provide sugar in normal quantity, but hope that it will be used with strict economy.—Daily Telegraph.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5 (Reuter)

The National Tidende gives a vigorous reply to Germany's warning to northern countries and says: "We state openly that hitherto we had not imagined that Germany could find it necessary to warn northern countries against allowing their territory to be used for military purposes by the great powers, for such a possibility does not exist."

H.K. GOLF CLUB
STARTING TIMES

The following are the Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanning tomorrow:

OLD COURSE

a.m.
9.00 H. E. the Governor.
9.15 J. W. Mayhew, W. Hewitt.
9.30 S. T. Bulfin, W. L. Alexander.
9.45 A. R. S. Major, F. C. Young.
9.55 W. J. S. Key, N. E. Littlejohn.
10.05 G. W. Reeve, Col. Matthews.
10.15 R. G. Everest, R. C. Stewart.
10.25 L. M. S. Lloyd, R. R. de L. Llesching.
10.35 H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
10.45 P. Morrison, C. C. Black.
10.55 W. Sharp, T. Low.
11.05 A. H. McBride, R. M. Wood.
11.15 J. Harrop, D. I. Prophet.
11.25 G. W. Sewell, J. Linaker.
11.35 W. Woodward, C. W. E. Bishop.
11.45 C. C. Willson, H. A. Mills.
11.55 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
12.05 J. Stenerson, Wing-Cdr. Steele-Perkins.
12.15 C. H. Burton, Comdr. Murray.
12.25 J. C. Taylor, A. B. Fures.
12.35 H. N. Williamson, L. Jackson.
12.45 L. Goldman, A. M. Mack.
12.55 D. J. Gilmore, A. Sommerfeld.
1.05 D. M. McDougall, T. McFarry.
1.15 M. S. Banner, S. W. P. Perry.
1.25 J. E. Jensen, H. S. Rees.
1.35 J. E. Juno, C. B. Bures.
1.45 G. C. Wormald, A. E. Lissman.
1.55 T. E. and T. A. Sear.
2.05 L. R. Andrews, Cdr. Hale.
2.15 M. Pollock, J. B. Harrison.
2.25 C. M. Park, Major Johnstone.
2.35 R. J. K. Walker, G. Thompson.
2.45 R. C. Caldwell, L. R. Cromer.
2.55 R. G. Gray, C. R. Riddell-Carr.

NEW COURSE

a.m.
9.20 A. Morse, S. H. Dodwell.
9.35 H. F. Phillips, R. K. Valentine.
9.50 G. H. Catherley, D. Humphreys.
10.05 C. D. N. Walker, A. J. Dennis.
10.20 M. Wylie, Miss Dodwell.
10.35 D. Bosanquet, Miss Pritchard.
10.50 J. W. Clague, V. K. White.
11.05 P. E. Annis, W. Harper.
11.20 E. A. Bompass, J. Redman.
11.35 Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.
11.50 J. K. Bousfield, J. M. Pearson.
12.05 Mrs. Bousfield, Mrs. Pearson.
12.20 Sir Vandeleur and Miss Gray.
12.35 P. B. Whittier, Miss Vickers.
12.50 A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
1.05 G. G. Alkenhead, J. S. Dunnett.
1.20 M. G. Carruthers, C. T. Harrington.
1.35 A. M. Kennedy, Miss Carter.
1.50 Major Simpson, Major Temple.
Unsuccessful in Ballot for Old Course.

ACCIDENTS IN
HARBOUR

KONG PO, 51, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from lacerated fingers on his left hand which was crushed while working a derrick on board the Daviken in the harbour.

Another seaman, Wong Kam-fat, of the s.s. Shinal, hurt his back when he accidentally fell while working near the funnel, into the harbour. He was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

"FEVERISH
PREPARATIONS"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—"Feverish preparations" are being made by the "Orthodox Kuomintang" for the inauguration of the new Central Government which is expected to be inaugurated on January 15, according to Chinese reports.

These reports add that it is rumoured that a compromise has been reached between Chinese leaders of the "peace" movement and Tokyo.

The introduction of Summer

Time before the statutory date April 21 is being considered by the Home Secretary. Although no date has yet been fixed it is thought some time about the middle of February will be selected.—(BWS).

Comment in the city columns of yesterday morning newspapers on the regulations issued relating to the transfer of sterling and sterling securities from residents to non-residents is unanimous in expecting them to result in a substantial reduction in offers of sterling in the free market.—(BWS).

HELSINKI, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—President Kallio today ratified the order prolonging the validity of the German-Finnish Commercial Agreement for 1940.

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announced last night that the R.A.F. made successful reconnaissance flights over north-west Germany. Patrols over sea-plane bases in Heligoland Bight and all machines returned.

PARIS, Jan. 5 (Reuter)—The war communiqué issued today says that there was local patrol activity by both sides.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1940, 8.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to continue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expiration of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay.

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- (a) personally,
- (b) by messenger,
- (c) by post.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Manila	6th Jan.
Manila	8th Jan.
Canton	8th Jan.
Shanghai and Swatow	8th Jan.
Shanghai	8th Jan.
Shanghai	8th Jan.
Straits and Saigon	8th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	8th Jan.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	8th Jan.
Saloon	7th Jan.
Haiphong	7th Jan.
Haiphong	7th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 30th December	8th Jan.
Amoy	8th Jan.
Japan	8th Jan.
Japan	8th Jan.
Shanghai	9th Jan.
Shanghai	9th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November)	9th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	9th Jan.
Straits	9th Jan.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 3rd January	10th Jan.
Manila	10th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	10th Jan.
Shanghai	10th Jan.
Java and Manila	10th Jan.
Manila	10th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd January	11th Jan.
Shanghai	11th Jan.
Japan	11th Jan.
Haiphong and Hothow	11th Jan.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 8th December 1939)	11th Jan.
Air-Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th December	12th Jan.
Shanghai	12th Jan.
Shanghai	12th Jan.
Manila	12th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	12th Jan.
Shanghai	12th Jan.
Sandakan	12th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	12th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	12th Jan.
Manila	12th Jan.
Straits and Manila	12th Jan.
Japan	12th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December 1939)	12th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 29th December 1939)	12th Jan.

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For	Date and Time
SATURDAY	Sat. 6th
Shanghai and Japan	8.30 AM
Bangkok	9.30 AM
Straits	9.30 AM
Haiphong	10.00 AM
Fort Bayard	11.30 AM
Straits	12.30 PM
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Saloon	5.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 7th
Haiphong	9.00 AM
Fort Bayard and Hothow	9.00 AM
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 8th
Canton	7.15 AM
Shanghai and Japan	9.00 AM
Tourane and Saigon	9.30 AM
Bangkok	10.30 AM
Haiphong	1.00 PM
Fort Bayard	2.00 PM
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	2.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 9th
Saloon	1.30 PM
Japan	3.30 PM
K.P.O.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
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